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Retired Waterville Elementary Principal, Randy Mediger, Receives Professional Leadership Award

(electronic photo attached to this news release)



Randy Mediger

(St. Paul, MN, February 20, 2018) – The Minnesota Elementary School Principals’ Association (MESPA) recognized Randy Mediger, retired principal of Waterville Elementary, School District Public Schools, with the 2018 MESPA Leadership Achievement Award. Principals are responsible for a school’s instructional, school culture, and resource leadership. The award honors principals whose exemplary leadership and sustained efforts have made noteworthy contributions to the operation of effective school learning programs — improving education, their communities, and their profession. As an active member of the Retired Principals of MESPA (RPM), Randy has continued to make valuable contributions to the principalship and supporting the next generation of educational leaders even after leaving his role as an active principal. He was recognized by colleagues statewide on February 8, 2018 at The MESPYS, the premier elementary principal celebration of the year celebrated

during MESPA Institute, the annual statewide convention of Minnesota's elementary and middle level principals.

Randy Mediger was nominated by his peers in the Retired Principals of MESPA, including RPM president Patti Haasch, retired principal from Cass Lake-Bena. Randy Mediger serves as RPM's representative on MESPA's Board of Directors.

Mediger is a graduate of Minnesota State University with degrees in Elementary Education, Music, Curriculum & Instruction, Gifted & Talented, and Educational Administration. Mediger substitute teaches, has been an election judge and Planning & Zoning Commissioner for his community, and has served as a board member of the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. Mediger is a recipient of the RPM 25-Year Service Award and is a past president of RPM.

MESPA members selected 13 of their peers to receive the 2017 MESPA Division Leadership Achievement Award. Jon Millerhagen, MESPA Executive Director, congratulated the award winners by saying, "MESPA members who receive the Division Leadership Achievement Award are the heart and soul of their schools, their communities and our association. They are true leaders who empower their communities to be successful. Our association benefits greatly from their wisdom, energy, expertise and commitment."

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MESPA works to: Improve education for Minnesota students through collaboration and advocacy; **Unite** current, past, and future licensed elementary and middle level principals; **Encourage** and support a cooperative relationship between MESPA and other state/national organizations; and **Advocate** for the professional ethical, economic, and social welfare of its members.

MESPA Mission: The Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association strives to be the premier leadership resource for elementary and middle-level principals and a strong leading voice for public education. MESPA is committed to ensuring a high quality education for all children through strengthening and enhancing the principal's role as educational leader in our schools.