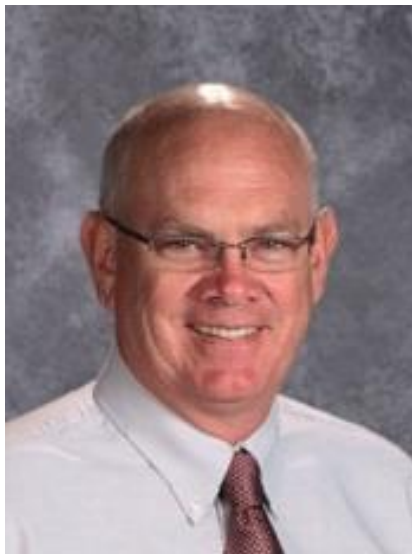


## Mr. Joel Jorgenson Named South Dakota's 2019 Superintendent of the Year



Madison Central School District Superintendent Mr. Joel Jorgenson has been named South Dakota's 2019 Superintendent of the Year. The Area II Superintendent's Association nominated Mr. Jorgenson for the award. He was selected for the state award by the South Dakota School Superintendent's Association (SDSSA).

Mr. Jorgenson was selected for the state award based on the following selection criteria: leadership for learning, communication, professionalism, and community involvement.

Mr. Jorgenson will receive his South Dakota Superintendent of the Year award at the SDSSA State Conference at a noon luncheon on July 16, 2019 at the Arrowwood Cedar Shore Resort in Chamberlain/Oacoma.

Mr. Jorgenson will represent South Dakota at the 2020 National Conference on Education sponsored by the American Association of School Administrators in San Diego, California on February 13-15, 2020. Mr. Jorgenson will be South Dakota's nominee for the National Superintendent of the Year award.

Mr. Jorgenson has spent his entire 34-year career in education in South Dakota. He has been a Superintendent of Schools for twenty-one years. He is currently the superintendent of the Madison Central School District and has been in this position for three years, 2016 to the present. Prior to Madison, he served as the superintendent of the Hamlin School District for fourteen years, 2002-2016. Prior to Hamlin, he was the superintendent of the Arlington School District for four years, 1998-2002. He spent thirteen years as an Industrial Arts Teacher and Coach at Arlington, 1988-1998 and Warner, 1985-1988.

Mr. Jorgenson earned his Bachelor's degree in teaching from Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota. He earned his Master's degree in school administration at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. Mr. Jorgenson earned his Specialist's degree in the school superintendent program at the University of Sioux Falls.

During his career, Mr. Jorgenson has served on many state executive boards, advisory boards, and local boards and has led many educational initiatives and building projects for the benefit of children.

Mr. Jorgenson has served on the School Administrators of South Dakota (SASD) Executive Board since 2014 and is currently the SASD President.

Congratulations to Mr. Jorgenson on a well-deserved honor!