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2021-2022 State President
Chris Wirz**



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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Seth Putz
State President Elect

Hello all MASMS members,
I just want to start with a question for everyone. Does this year seem more chaotic and stressful than last year?

With all the unknown with covid, the vandalism spurred on by Tic-Tock, the constant battle of vaccine vs. no vaccine, lack of staffing, all this can leave one pretty burnt out. This happened to me this year. I found myself so caught up in everything, it felt like a brick around my neck.

Finally the days came for the MASMS event. I can't tell you how nice it was to talk to others, face to face, who are going through the same thing. It kinda recharged my batteries a little bit. Kinda. I came home one night recently, and my wife saw how stressed I was. She stopped me and asked me what I like about my job. I could not answer her sadly. This question made me start looking at why I was not happy.

The conclusion I came to was I got so wrapped up in everything going on that I had been trying to take the world on by myself. I started to talk to other people about what was going on and listen to various viewpoints and let them help me find solutions. I had forgotten one of the biggest assets everyone has. The network of family and friends, coworkers and other MASMS members. I have started to unload my burdens by letting others help me. It has brought back a smile to my face.

I am gonna give everyone a word of advice. ALWAYS try to remember that there are people all around to help. You just need to realize when you need to do this. Next to my wife, MASMS has been one of the best tools for helping lower stress in my job. Don't be afraid to reach out to others even if it's only to vent. Over the last year with the weekly covid meetings, I have gathered a great support network and good friends. The resource is there. Use it.

Thanks, Seth



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Vendor Corner

Highlights from MASMS Fall Conference



What an enjoyable MASMS Fall Conference this year!!! I have been going to this Conference every year for over 25 years, but this was one of my favorites. I thought I would share a few highlights:

What a beautiful day at the Scholarship Golf Event on Wednesday, it simply could not have been any better! Many of you likely remember only a couple years ago it actually snowed during the event, this year the weather was perfect! After all the “virtual meetings” and not being able to see people for the last 18 months, it was so nice to be able to see people in the flesh and get caught up on things. Thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers, and participants that made that day so special!

Two new MASMS business members approached me during the Conference and shared that this was their first time attending and thanked me for telling them about MASMS earlier and encouraging them to join. Please consider informing other vendors about how great the MASMS organization is and encourage them to join! Obviously, you might not reach out to your competitors but the stronger we can make our network of business members the more all of the members benefit!

The educational session I presented was well attended and I received some positive feedback. As I said at the Vendor Meeting before the trade show: MASMS provides a lot of opportunity for business members to provide educational presentations, not only at the Fall Conference but also the many Chapter Meetings, Custodial Days, State Meetings, and other events MASMS has throughout the year. If you are interested in offering to provide an educational session and don’t know where to start you can contact Ruth or me for direction.

The Trade Show was also a big success again this year! It was so nice to be able to see so many people in person again and get reconnected with people we hadn’t been able to see for so long. My personal highlight occurred at the Trade Show this year: A MASMS “Legend”, a person that has been instrumental in the development and success of the MASMS organization since its inception, stopped by our booth and thanked me for all that I do for MASMS. As I told him: “After seeing everything you have done for MASMS over the years and continue to do, I am sincerely just trying to hold a candle to people like you.” Witnessing first-hand how dedicated this person (and others) has been to MASMS, how it was always about the organization and making it bigger and better, how he was always willing to stand up and help further the cause, working with and watching this person and a handful of others over the years at MASMS has truly made me a better person – both professionally and personally. I won’t embarrass this person by saying his last name (but I’ll give you a hint – “King _____ Knights of the Round Table”). Sincerely, one of the most valuable things I have gained as a long-time member of MASMS has been seeing the power of people giving to an organization and focusing all of their time on the common good of building our network at MASMS. There have been many people with MASMS that have and continue to truly inspire me and others.

I hope you enjoyed the Conference this year as well and we’ll see you next year!

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Joe Wagner, Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial

Terry Woodworth, Osseo Schools

Congratulations!

Twelve \$500 Building & Grounds Grants Awarded at the MASMS Conference

During the trade show on Thursday of the conference, MASMS held drawings for twelve \$500 Building & Grounds grants to be used for a building and grounds project of the school's choosing!

The following names were drawn this year, their school will be presented with a \$500 grant for the building and grounds department!

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Edward Perkins, Red Lake Schools
James Jukich, Hibbing Schools
Christopher Arnold, Grand Forks ND Schools
Bob Olson, Owatonna Schools
Adam Karsko, Northfield Schools
Matthew Johnson, Duluth Schools
Kyle Fisher, Eden Prairie Schools
Cameron Peterson, Hastings Schools
James Langevin, St. Louis Park Schools
Dustin Wroolie, Nevis Schools
Haley Storms, Faribault Schools

Casino Night Winners

After the banquet many took part in a fun night of visiting and some casino night action! At the end of the night attendees were entered into a drawing. The winners:

\$1,000 Grant		George Garcia, Eden Prairie Schools
\$ 500 Grant		Scott Albright, Winona Schools
\$ 500 Grant		Sally Fales, Shakopee Schools
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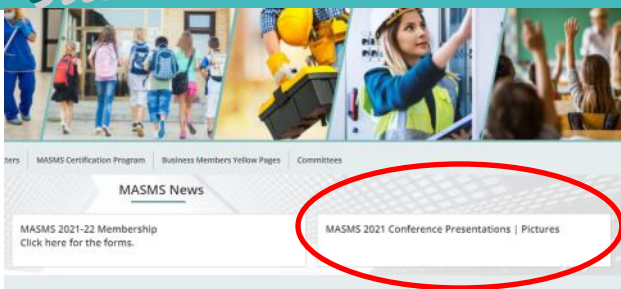
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The “Tool Box” for Educational Facility Management Professionals



Health & Safety The MASMS Health & Safety Committee supplies information for this section. If you have a specific topic you would like to see covered, let the MASMS office know.

Classroom Fire Safety

This information sheet summarizes common provisions from the 2020 Minnesota State Fire Code (MSFC) relating to elementary and secondary school classrooms.

Means of egress

- Aisles and aisle accessways in classrooms
 - Aisles are pathways leading to an exit doorway.
 - Aisle accessways are pathways that lead to an aisle. For example, the pathways between rows of desks or tables are aisle accessways.
 - Although minimum aisle and aisle accessway widths for classrooms can vary depending on specific seating arrangements, the following will apply to most classrooms having fewer than 50 occupants:
 - Aisle accessways between desks or tables shall be at least 24 inches wide.
 - Aisles leading to classroom exit doorways shall be at least 36 inches wide.
 - Required aisles and aisle accessways shall be maintained free from obstructions or impediments.

Exit doors from classrooms

- Number of exits
 - Classrooms having an occupant load of 50 or more must have two exit access doorways.
 - Standard-use classrooms and music classrooms (e.g. band, orchestra, or choir) typically do not require a second exit unless 1,000 square feet or more in area, or are occupied by 50 or more people.
 - Vocational shop classrooms typically do not require a second exit unless 2,500 square feet or more in area, or are occupied by 50 or more people.
 - School science laboratories storing and/or utilizing hazardous materials:
 - Newly constructed labs exceeding 500 square feet must be provided with two remotely located exit doorways.
 - Existing labs exceeding 1,000 square feet must be provided with two remotely located exit doorways.

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- Access and visibility
 - Required exit doors must be maintained free from obstructions or impediments to full instant use.
 - Exit doors must be distinguishable from the adjacent construction and finishes and cannot be concealed or made unrecognizable.
 - Exit signs (where required) must be clearly visible and cannot be obstructed or otherwise concealed.
- Door hardware
 - Exit door hardware must both unlock and unlatch the door with a single operation without the use of key, tools, special knowledge or effort. Door security or barricade devices not in compliance with the MSFC are prohibited. See our Classroom Security and Barricade Devices information sheet for more information.

Holding open classroom doors

- Classroom doors leading directly to a fire-rated egress corridor must be maintained selfclosing and latching in order to protect the egress system in case of fire. Thus, such doors cannot be held open for extended periods of time unless controlled by an approved door-hold system that releases the door upon smoke detection.
- School corridors serving more than 30 occupants are required to be fire-rated unless:

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- The building is protected throughout with a fire sprinkler system, or
- The corridors are protected throughout with smoke detection devices connected to the building's fire alarm system.
- Doors from vocational shops and science labs utilizing hazardous materials may be required to be self-closing even where the corridor is not required to be fire-rated. Thus, these doors should not be held open without an approved door-hold system that releases upon smoke detection. When in doubt, contact your assigned SFMD school inspector for guidance.
- Although rare, it's possible for a classroom door to be part of a required fire area separation wall. This may be the case if your classroom door shows a fire-rating greater than 20 minutes. When in doubt, contact your assigned SFMD school inspector for guidance.

Storage of personal effects in egress corridors

- Personal effects in corridors or lobbies, such as jackets, shoes, boots, backpacks, etc., must be stored in enclosed metal lockers in corridors or lobbies unless the corridor is protected with one of the following:
 - A fire sprinkler system, or
 - An automatic smoke detection system
- Personal effects shall not be located within the required width of a corridor or pose an obstruction or impediment to egress. Loose items not secured by racks, cubbies or similar storage systems may be considered a potential egress obstruction or impediment.



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If we want our MASMS Chapters to continue we REALLY need members to step up! We have many Chapter Officers that have been active officers for years and are ready to step down.

The MASMS office is always available to assist chapter officers, you are not on your own.

These Chapter Officer Positions Are Open:

Northern Chapter:

Secretary & Director

West Central Chapter:

Secretary

Other positions in all chapters will be open as some members that currently hold positions would like to step down.

Please contact the MASMS office if you would be interested in serving.

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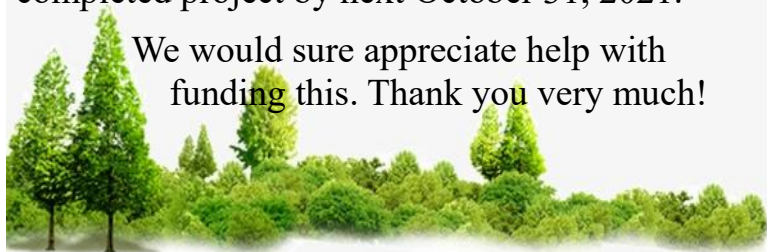


2021 MASMS \$1,000 Sustainable Grant Awarded to Pierz Public Schools

*Submitted by: Pat Tax, Pierz Healy High School
Ag Dept Teacher, FFA Advisor*

We are starting a landscaping project that will be at the main entrance of the high school. We will get students involved with every process of this project. Students have already begun designing the project, then in late summer or early fall remove the sod, and finally, lay the landscaping fabric and plant the shrubs. I am enclosing a picture of the existing front and we will provide a photo of the completed project by next October 31, 2021.

We would sure appreciate help with funding this. Thank you very much!



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Waconia Daily Telegraph

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LED Conversion Saves District Tax-Payers \$624,000



Waconia School Board - Photo Taken After Project Approval

Students and staff will be walking into completely transformed schools this year because of Waconia's partnership with the Bright Schools Project.

New integrated LED lights with controls will save the district over \$624,000.

There was no initial investment on the project and the ten-year capital lease carried an interest rate of 2.6% - resulting in immediate cash-flow back in the districts budget.

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2021 MASMS Scholarship Golf Event

Dollars for Scholars Golf Event!

All participants helped make the day a huge success.
All funds raised go to the MASMS Scholarship Fund.

A special thank you to our 2021 Golf Sponsors!

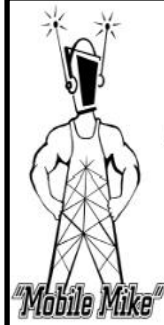
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UPCOMING MASMS EVENTS

October 20, 2021	MASMS Southern Chapter Meeting
November 9, 2021	MASMS Metro Chapter Meeting
November 17, 2021	MASMS West Chapter Meeting
November 18, 2021	MASMS Northern Chapter Meeting
December 14, 2021	MASMS Metro Chapter Meeting
December 16, 2021	MASMS Northern Chapter Meeting
December 17, 2021	MASMS Southern Chapter Meeting
December 22, 2021	MASMS NW Chapter Meeting
January 11, 2022	MASMS State Meeting
January 19, 2022	MASMS West Chapter Meeting
January 20, 2022	MASMS Northern Chapter Meeting
February 8, 2022	MASMS Metro Chapter Meeting
February 17, 2022	MASMS Northern Chapter Meeting
February 23, 2022	MASMS Southern Chapter Meeting
February 23, 2022	MASMS NW Chapter Meeting
March 8, 2022	MASMS Metro Chapter Meeting
March 16, 2022	MASMS West Chapter Meeting
March 17, 2022	MASMS Northern Chapter Meeting
April 12, 2022	MASMS Metro Chapter Meeting
April 20, 2022	MASMS Northern Chapter Meeting
April 20, 2022	MASMS Southern Chapter Meeting
April 27, 2022	MASMS NW Chapter Meeting
May 18, 2022	MASMS West Chapter Meeting

RADON TESTING INFORMATION

The current and new state testing plan both require that radon testing is done between November and March.

- Initial testing (such as the first round of testing that was ever done or the every 5 year testing) can never be done outside the Nov – March timeframe.
- Follow-up testing (in response to elevated levels found in specific rooms) and post-mitigation testing could be conducted outside the Nov-March timeframe, but would need to be repeated between November and March.

For further information, see the testing plan and guidance on our [Radon in Schools Website](#).

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