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Nan Records is the Regional Low Incidence Facilitator with Sourcewell, formerly known as the National Joint Powers Alliance. She previously served 15 years as the Director of Special Education in the Sherburne and Northern Wright Special Education Cooperative. Prior to her position as director, Nan was a Coordinator for 11 years in the same organization. Nan is very active in MASE and MASA; she currently serves on various committees, and has been a member of both the MASE and MASA Board of Directors. Nan has also received numerous awards for her work with special education children. Most recently, Nan received the 2015 MASE Legacy Award for her commitment to encouraging, developing, and mentoring leaders who reflect the MASE mission.

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Melissa Schaller is the Director of Special Education for Intermediate School District 917 where she is in her 12th year serving its nine member school districts. Melissa is responsible for oversight of district special education programming including 25 sites, approximately 500 staff, and a budget of more than 39 million dollars. Prior to joining ISD 917, Melissa was the Director of Special Education for the Austin Public School District. She has served many state level organizations in the field of education including serving as president of the executive board of both Minnesota Administrators for Special Education and Minnesota Council for Exceptional Children. Currently, she is pursuing her PhD at the University of Minnesota in Organizational Leadership, Policy, and Development.

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Jeff Jorgensen has been the Director of Special Services with Edina Public Schools since 2014. Previous to this position, Jeff has held similar positions with the South Washington County Schools, and Alexandria and Worthington school districts. In addition to his work in public schools, Jorgensen has taught graduate courses in special education at several universities and has worked as a licensed marriage and family therapist. He holds bachelor's degrees in biology and psychology from the University of Sioux Falls (SD), a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from North American Baptist Seminary (SD), an Education Specialist Degree from the University of South Dakota, and completed his Director of Special Education licensure work at St. Cloud State University.

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