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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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Danielle Theis has been working successfully with youth who experience mental health and behavioral challenges since 1990. She prides herself in assisting schools in becoming trauma responsive. Danielle is a licensed psychotherapist, Director of Special Education, and K-12 Principal. Danielle has served as the Administrator in Setting IV programs in public schools for seven years. Danielle was Principal of New Dominion School of Gerard Academy for nine years serving students within a residential treatment facility. July 1, 2019 Danielle began as the Director of Special Services for Owatonna Public Schools. Danielle is one of 30 Master Trainers for Life Space Crisis Intervention in the world. She is acknowledged by the Minnesota Department of Education as an expert in reducing restrictive procedures and working effectively with children who display

significant behavioral challenges. Danielle provides trainings and consultative services to support children experiencing mental health and behavioral challenges, and the adults who serve them, in our schools and communities.

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Amy Ernst is the Director of Special Education for Buffalo Hanover Montrose School District. This is her 4th year serving BHM schools and her 10th year in special education leadership. Outside of school, you can find her spending her time with her husband Mark, four daughters and two step-sons.

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Mary Margaret began her career in education in 1993 as a language arts teacher for grades 7-12 in Lemmon, South Dakota. After five years in the general education classroom, she pursued an interest in special education, becoming a speech-language pathologist and working in Redwood Falls, MN. Since then, she has worked as a speech-language pathologist, a special education evaluation team leader, and as a special education coordinator for Southwest West Central Service Cooperative and Freshwater Education District. Mary Margaret currently works as the Director of Special Education for Little Falls School District in Little Falls, MN.