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**OAISD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF RECOGNIZED BY STATE
ORGANIZATIONS**

Holland, MI- Two OAISD school board members received recognition from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) for classes completed in MASB's leadership training program, as well as for conference attendance, years of service and leadership activities.

OAISD School Board President Eric Packer of Allendale received the President's Award of Recognition; MASB's highest individual honor, for completing all seven levels of MASB courses; a total of 29 advanced classes and minimum of 1,383 education credits. Packer has served on the OAISD Board of Education for 11 years and will be honored at MASB's Annual Leadership Conference in November in Detroit.

OAISD School Board Trustee and 12-year board member Carol Slagh of Zeeland received the Master Diamond Award for completing four levels of MASB courses; a total of 14 advanced classes and minimum of 528 education credits.

School board members from across Michigan earned awards from the Michigan Association of School Boards for their efforts to improve their leadership skills and become more effective school leaders, demonstrating their commitment to student achievement and their own continuous improvement.

"We are fortunate to have Board members eager to build new skills in an effort to serve our district," OAISD Superintendent Pete Haines said. "These awards note milestones for two very dedicated leaders."

And, for the fourteenth year, the OAISD Business Services department earned recognition for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report by going beyond the reporting requirements.

"Receiving this award is a great compliment to the Business Services team and the quality of work done here at the OAISD," said Chris Lamer, business services director for OAISD. "This award validates all the hard work we do as we continue to provide meaningful and transparent financial reports for taxpayers in our region."

Sponsored by VALIC, the Certificate of Excellence (COE) award confirms the school business office's commitment to financial accountability and transparency. Recognition through the COE program can help strengthen a district's presentation for bond issuance statements and promotes a high level of financial reporting. For more information about the COE award, visit www.asbointl.org/COE

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