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## **Dr. Ted Blaesing to Receive 2008 J. Stanley and Doris Hill Legacy Award**

The 2008 recipient of the J. Stanley and Doris Hill Legacy Award is White Bear Lake resident

**Dr. Ted Blaesing**, superintendent of White Bear Lake Area Schools.

A reception to honor Dr. Blaesing will take place at Century College on Thursday, May 15, at 7 p.m. in Room 1006, West Campus. Community members are invited to celebrate along with Ted, his family and friends. The reception, open to the public and free of charge, will be hosted by the Century College Foundation, the Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation and the White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation.

Initiated in 2007, the Hill Legacy Award was established to honor the memory of J. Stanley Hill and to recognize his wife, Doris, for their remarkable lifelong commitment to community service. Three area foundations, the Century College Foundation, the Mahtomedi Area

Educational Foundation and the White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation, have joined forces to acknowledge a resident, living within the three educational communities, who has demonstrated an outstanding sense of service to his or her community.

“Ted is a person who has been deeply involved in numerous activities for the betterment of White Bear Schools as well as the community as a whole. It always has been a comfort to know that the man with the bow tie has been a part of many community-wide endeavors,” said Kevin Donovan, Hill Legacy Award Committee chairperson.

Hailing from Muscatine, Iowa, Ted, his wife, Loretta, and their three children arrived in White Bear Lake during the spring of 1993 after Ted was hired as White Bear Lake Area School District Superintendent of Schools. During his tenure as superintendent, Ted has tirelessly given of himself, both professionally and voluntarily, to champion students and families of the White Bear Lake and St. Paul area.

A member of the Northeast YMCA Board of Directors from 1993 to 2000, Ted led the Partners for Youth Fundraising Campaign twice. The campaign is a fundraising event established to support YMCA membership and program scholarships for needy youth and families. He also served as chairperson of the Board of Directors from 1995 to 1999.

A recipient of the Distinguished Leader Award through the YMCA of Greater St. Paul in 1995, Ted also was an active member of the Board of Directors of the YMCA of Greater St. Paul from 2001 to 2007, where he served in leadership roles as chairperson of a number of selected committees. For two years, in 2002 and 2003, Ted was chairperson of the Partners for Youth Fundraising Campaign while serving on the Executive Board.

In 1993, Dr. Blaesing helped co-found the White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation, with its mission to enhance District 624's ability to provide excellence in education for all students. As a member of the Board of Directors, he presently continues to volunteer his time and energies to the Foundation, which serves as a vehicle to strengthen public education in our community.

Ted has served as a member of the board and executive committee member of SciMath MN from 1996 to 2005. This organization of business leaders, college/university professors and education leaders is dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of science and mathematics in the State of Minnesota.

In 2001, Dr. Blaesing was named State of Minnesota Superintendent of the Year - an honor granted to him by the Minnesota Association of School Administrators.

From 2002 to the present, Ted has been a member of the Century College Foundation Board of Directors. His volunteering spirit continues through his strong commitment to participate in activities that support the Foundation's mission of higher education.

Additional volunteer positions, relating to Dr. Blaesing's professional career, include serving as President of the Minnesota Association of School Administrators (2005-2006), Member of the Board of Trustees and Treasurer of the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund (2000-2006), Member of the Metro Education Cooperative Service Unit Executive Committee (1999-2005), President of the Mid America Association of School Administrators (1999-2001) and Metro Area Superintendents Chairperson-Minnesota Association of School Administrators (1997-1999).

In 1998, Dr. Blaesing was a participant in the first Fulbright Superintendents Seminar in Germany. He was one of 15 superintendents from around the United States chosen by the Fulbright Commission for this seminar. Later, in 2001, Ted participated in the Fulbright Memorial Fund (FMF) Educators Study Trip in Japan.

After stepping down from his duties with the White Bear Lake Area School District on June 30, Ted looks forward to spending more of his free time with Loretta, his wife of 37 years, their three daughters, three sons-in-law and six grandchildren, ranging from age one to 17 years.

Responding to the news of being named the 2008 Hill Legacy Award recipient, Ted commented, “I am humbled to receive this award, particularly in light of knowing Stan’s history of service to his community.”

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