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### **Michael Snowberry Receives National Award for Support of Education**

Mike Snowberry, Director of Learning Services at the Luxemburg-Casco School District in Luxemburg Wisconsin, has received this year's Walter G. Turner Award for support of regional and statewide educational programs from the Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESAs). The award was presented during the AESAs's Annual Conference November 30-December 2 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Snowberry was nominated for the award by Dr. Marci Waldron-Kuhn, Director of Career, College and Life Readiness for Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) 7, which serves the Luxemburg-Casco School District. She nominated Snowberry for his role in establishing two regional Academic and Career Planning programs in northeastern Wisconsin.

Starting in 2016, Snowberry led a team that investigated academic and career planning opportunities for students in the district and ultimately established the Ahnapee Youth Apprenticeship Consortium. In 2018, a new consortium was formed that served not only Luxemburg-Casco but other surrounding districts. Within three years, the program grew from 5 apprentices to over 300. The success of that program led to the formation of the Northeast Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship Program, a collaboration between the Ahnapee Consortium, CESA 7 and the Greater Green Bay Chamber. The initiative serves 21 school districts in Wisconsin.

Snowberry was also instrumental in creating the Ahnapee Diesel Program, which is the first credit-bearing, diesel-only high school program in Wisconsin. High school juniors and seniors can earn technical college credits and work experience while in high school to prepare them for careers in the transportation industry. He was also involved in creating the Bellin College Healthcare Academy.

"Mike Snowberry has dedicated his career to the advancement of college and career ready high school graduates through the collaboration with neighboring districts, educational service agencies, and community stakeholders," Waldron-Kuhn said in her nomination letter. "His work serves as a model for other regions of the state and the country."

Dr. Colleen Timm, Administrator of CESA 7, and Eric Vanden Heuvel, Vice President of Talent and Education for the Greater Green Bay Chamber, also supported Snowberry's nomination.

Vanden Heuvel noted that Snowberry's work mirrored the work of Walter G. Turner, the person for whom the award was named.

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“Dr. Turner’s legacy was special because of his ability to recognize opportunities and serve as a catalyst for enacting a vision for people outside of his immediate scope,” he wrote. “It is my belief that Michael Snowberry has achieved this exact model, leading to profound impact on thousands of students, families, and businesses in northeastern Wisconsin. As a region, Mike’s actions will be felt for decades.”

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