



## CIVIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

*Presented to:*

### **MARTY LUNDEEN**

This award recognizes individuals within government agencies for their dedication to public service and impactful contributions to community welfare. They demonstrate exceptional commitment and significantly enhance community life through their service.

*Nominated by: Craig Benes*

*Summary of Nomination:*

Marty Lundeen's 12 years of service on the District 10 School Board, including nine as President, have profoundly impacted the Itasca community. Marty's leadership has fostered educational excellence and community unity. He introduced a budget philosophy that protects Fine Arts and Athletics while investing in future educational programs. His work on the Capital Improvement Committee resulted in the creation of Benson-Turner Playground and a successful referendum bond, securing \$27 million for crucial safety upgrades and new learning spaces, all with a remarkably low bond rate.

Marty has also been a strong advocate for early childhood education, leading to the introduction of full-day kindergarten and expanded pre-kindergarten programs in Itasca. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he played a crucial role in keeping District 10 open for in-person learning, balancing student safety with high academic performance.

Beyond his board responsibilities, Marty has contributed significantly to community initiatives. He helped establish the Giving Garden, served as Treasurer of the Itasca Gardeners Club, and has been a vital volunteer with the Indian Princesses program and the Itasca Food Pantry. As a recent President of the Lion's Club, he facilitated community cooperation and played a key role in organizing ItascaFest.

On behalf of the Village, I extend my gratitude to Marty Lundeen for his exceptional public service. His dedicated efforts have greatly advanced the well-being of our community, and his contributions will continue to benefit our residents for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Pruyn".

Mayor Jeff Pruyn

September 8, 2024