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Peter Drescher Named State Technology Leader of the Year Vermonter Recognized for Exemplary State and National Leadership

Washington, DC – SETDA, the principal membership association of the U.S. state and territorial educational technology leaders, announced today that Peter Drescher, Education Technology Coordinator, Vermont Agency of Education was honored with the SETDA State Leader of the Year (SLY) award during the association’s 2015 Leadership Summit: *Learning in the Digital Age* held in Arlington, Virginia. The SLY award honors an active SETDA member who has exhibited exemplary national and state leadership in educational technology. The awardee supports districts (in his or her state) as they use technology effectively to improve student learning, collaborates with members and other peers nationally through SETDA initiatives and committees, and engages with the broader education and policymaking communities to advocate for the role of technology in advancing education.



“Peter has done an amazing job in Vermont focusing on key aspects of the education technology landscape and supporting leadership in these areas for teachers and staff,” said Lan Neugent, Interim Executive Director, SETDA. “His continual work supporting digital learning program planning and integration serves as a model for the nation. He has engaged in broadband expansion discussions and has established himself as a valuable resource for a variety of local education technology topics. Peter effectively brings together key groups and individuals to collaboratively support a number of technology initiatives,” continued Neugent. “Most recently, he coordinated a number of Vermont schools in a state-wide 3D modeling competition that combines history and 3D printing technology to raise student awareness on historical preservation.”

Vermont Secretary of Education Rebecca Holcombe added: “We know Peter is phenomenal and skilled at building partnerships that advance the interests of our students. It is great to see that recognized by our national partners.”

Carla Wade, Digital Learning Specialist, Oregon Department of Education and current SETDA Board Chair, cited Peter’s strong leadership in various roles within SETDA. “Peter has always been a driving force in moving SETDA to the next level. He uses an inclusive and collaborative approach to motivate members to be exceptional educational technology thought leaders and has

worked hard to structure SETDA's position on e-rate modernization and our organization's high-profile role in transforming schools to digital learning environments."

About SETDA

Founded in 2001, the State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA) is the principal non-profit membership association representing U.S. state and territorial educational technology leaders. Our mission is to build and increase the capacity of state and national leaders to improve education through technology policy and practice. For more information, please visit <http://www.setda.org>

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