



MN ASSOCIATION OF
CHARTER SCHOOLS

Unleashing education from convention

Unleashing education from convention is more than the MACS motto,
it is a reminder of our purpose; our goals and it serves as a clarion **Call to Action.**

Friday, April 30, 2021

Annette Klang
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Dear Annette,

As I sat down to write this letter asking you to renew your membership, I looked back at what I wrote last year and realized that I could write the same message. *"We are living in an extraordinary moment in time... The daily routines of life have changed dramatically ... As a result of the Pandemic ... Schools have been unleashed from some of the conventions of providing education to young people ... It challenges us to look at what we do, and how we do it, in ways that we never thought we would have to".*

So, on behalf of the MACS Board and staff, I want to thank you for your school's membership during what has been another challenging school year. It has been a hard and challenging one, with the ever-evolving situation regarding the Pandemic, and the ongoing need for everyone to be extraordinarily flexible in meeting the needs of students, families, and school staff.

In this midst of this challenging year, we were excited to announce in mid-March a reduction in membership dues for the **sixth consecutive year**. The reduction for 2021-2022 fulfills the pledge the Board made in 2016 to reduce the school membership dues as school membership increased, which it has again this current year.

2021-2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- Minimum Dues: **\$1,250.00** - 1.5% reduction from \$1,270.00
- Maximum Dues: **\$6,995.00** - .043% reduction from \$7,025.00
- Per Pupil Dues: **\$17.95** - 2.2% reduction from \$18.35

Since 2016 – 2017 membership dues have decreased as follows:

- Minimum dues - from \$2,335.00 to \$1,250.00, a decrease of **\$1,085.00 or (-46.4%)**
- Maximum dues - from \$7,290.00 to \$6,995.00, a decrease of **\$295.00 or (- 4.0%)**
- Per Pupil dues - from \$24.50 to \$17.95, a decrease of **\$6.55 or (- 26.7%)**.

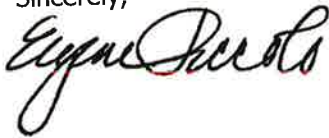
These reductions in membership dues are because of the commitment that you, our member schools, have made to the Association. Your school's ongoing membership provides the support the Association needs to

serve the charter school community and continue the policy work of ensuring the vision of chartered public in Minnesota at the statehouse.

So, today I am asking for your school's continued membership for 2021-2022.

Thank you for your support of our work, and the extraordinary work you and your staff have been doing during the pandemic to educate Minnesota's students in this extraordinary time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eugene Piccolo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a red horizontal line underlining the name.

Eugene Piccolo
Executive Director

Note: MACS will no longer accept checks for membership dues. As a cost-saving and safety measure, dues must be paid via ACH on an annual or monthly basis.