MREA
Voice For Greater Minnesota Education

2027 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

MREA advocates on behalf of 243 school districts, 32 education cooperatives and nearly 100 associate members across Greater Minnesota to provide educational opportunities and close achievement gaps in Minnesota.

Draft platform recommended by MREA Board - November 2026



MREA members are focused on equitable and stable funding for rural schools, addressing disparities in local levies compared to metro schools. They prioritize the basic formula inflator in addition to increasing special education and compensatory revenue.

MREA members are concerned about the impact of inflationary cost pressures on student opportunities and the need for flexibility in funding decisions by local boards. There is also a call for reforming discipline policy and improving integrity in PSEO. We are committed to working with other educational leadership organizations when aligned with MREA priorities.

KEY LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS NEEDED

SUSTAINABLE & ADEQUATE FUNDING

- Defend and increase the Basic Formula inflator.
- Restore the $250M cut to Special Education without reducing ADSIS.
- Improve Compensatory Revenue to include low-income students who don't qualify through direct certification.

POLICY REFORM

- Reform PSEO.
- Reform mandated discipline procedures to ensure student and staff safety.

IMPROVE LEVY FAIRNESS IN EXCHANGE FOR INCREASED LOR AUTHORITY

- Create a property tax credit, referred to as "Education Equalization Credits," to make the homeowner and commercial industrial tax impacts of new LOR authority more fair.

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