

May 29, 2015

Superintendent Scott Thielman
Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Public Schools
214 NE 1st Avenue
Buffalo, MN 55313

Dear Superintendent Thielman:

Attached is your SEE membership dues statement for the 2015-2016 program year.

I want to thank you for your membership and support in the past year. We are at the cusp of another successful year as the Governor and Legislature work out their differences in anticipation of a special session. If early reports of progress are any indication of what the final result will be, it appears that the bill will contain a larger budget target than the bill vetoed by the Governor and that it will likely have both a higher basic formula amount and the facilities provision that SEE worked so hard to see become part of the Legislature's omnibus education proposal.

This progress—and it is admittedly conjectured to some extent at this point—would not have been possible without a strong and consistent voice from SEE membership. SEE is a strong organization with a clear mission and that mission showed up through the voice of its membership again this past session. It is certainly a joy to lead this organization and its commitment to the principle that *“All public school children must have equal access to a high quality education regardless of where they live in Minnesota.”*

While we are making progress toward an education funding system that truly meets the standards of equity and adequacy needed to achieve SEE's mission, the job is not yet complete. I invite you to once again be part of SEE's strong contingent of school districts working in unison to meet our ultimate goal of funding fairness. Together, we can get there.

Sincerely,

Brad Lundell
Executive Director

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