



*Providing quality education while preparing our children and community for the future*

### **School Board Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** March 13, 2017

**Topic:** Legislative Update

**Place on Agenda:** Superintendent Report

**Presenter:** Rich Dahman

### **Medford School District's legislators**

MN Senator John Jasinski (24)

MN Representatives John Petersburg (24A) and Brian Daniels (24B)

US Representative Tim Walz (CD 1)

**February Budget Forecast** --- \$1.650 billion, increase of \$250 million

**Funding the Basic Formula** --- House & Senate propose 2% each year, currently \$6,067

**Teacher shortages** --- Teacher Shortage Act 2.0: licensure, quality/supply, retention

**Ag Tax Relief, Debt Service Equalization** --- could potentially save Medford taxpayers over \$200,000 per year

### **Highlights of Governor Dayton's Education Proposal**

Basic Formula increase of 2% each year

Additional funding for Special Education costs

Additional funding for Teacher Retirement Fund

Voluntary Preschool - scholarships