



CONNECT

Network with education leaders from around the state.



LEARN

Hear best practices, get new ideas and learn from the best.



CELEBRATE

Celebrate the incredible work in Greater MN education.

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SUNDAY EVENING

Celebrate the incredible work impacting students in Greater MN districts at the MREA Educator of Excellence & Innovation Program Awards Banquet.

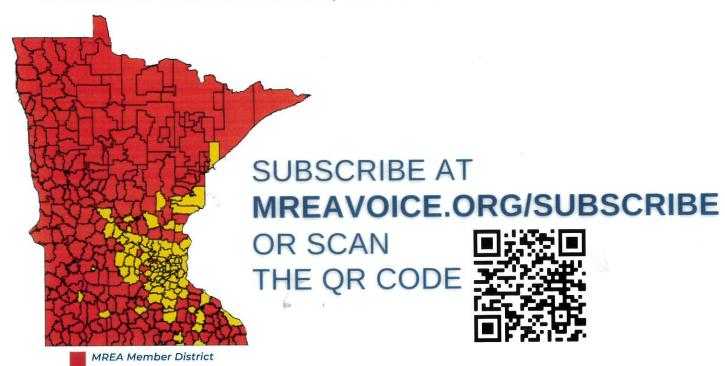
MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Be inspired by keynote speakers and choose from over 35 practical breakout sessions featuring ideas and tools you can share back at your district!



STAY CONNECTED

TO MREA COMMUNICATIONS FOR WEEKLY INSIDER BRIEFS, LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERTS, SUMMIT UPDATES AND MORE!



WHO CAN SUBSCRIBE?

- School Board Trustees
- Principals
- Teachers / Teacher Leaders
- District Administrators & Staff
- Business Managers

- Community Education Directors
- Curriculum Directors
- Human Resources Staff
- Facilities Staff
- Transportation Directors

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How MREA serves YOU



ADVOCATE

- Lobbyists at the Capitol every day advocating for you
- Weekly Advocacy Briefings during legislative session
- Interactive maps and analysis showing impacts of major changes
- Action alerts to help encourage engagement



EDUCATE

- Professional development and networking at the Annual Conference
- Regional meetings and trainings to provide input and stay informed
- Member benefits providing learning opportunities
- Discounts on partner programs



COMMUNICATE & CELEBRATE

- Weekly Insider Briefs with education updates relevant to rural districts
- Website with resources, news, and updates
- Celebration and sharing of accomplishments and best practices
- Awards for teachers and innovative school programs
- In-person visits to keep a pulse on district accomplishments & needs



MREA does a great job of cutting through the legislative clutter, identifying what applies to greater MN schools and letting us know what needs our attention. Their updates allow me to better articulate the impact of the bills and our next steps.

DR. REGGIE ENGEBRITSON
Superintendent, St. Louis County Schools





Leading Advocacy for Greater Minnesota Students Led by school board members, administrators, teachers and other education-focused partners, MREA elevates Greater Minnesota schools through advocacy, education and recognition.

2023 LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

RESTORING THE ECONOMICS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

MREA Successfully Advocated for Greater Minnesota Students by:

- Increasing and Indexing the Basic Formula Allowance
- Reducing District Special Education cross-subsidies
- Securing Cooperative Facilities levy authority
- Creating Minimum Revenue Guarantees for Smaller Schools including:
 - o Student Personnel Aid
 - School Library Aid
- Attaining permanent funding for Voluntary Pre-K slots
- Increasing funding for CTE Consortia Programs
- Creating Board Authority to Renew Operating Referendum
- Expanding Safe Schools Revenue to include Cyber Security measures
- Securing funding for Cooperative Setting 4 Programs
- Expanding 3rd Party Billing for School Social Workers
- Increasing funding for American Indian Education Programs
- Continuing Type III Vehicle usage
- Holding Compensatory Aid Harmless amidst Universal Meals implementation
- Securing dedicated aid for the Unemployment Insurance Mandate
- Continuing to defend against ever-present Unfunded Mandates

THESE FUNDING CHANGES WILL HAVE A GENERATIONAL IMPACT FOR MINNESOTA EDUCATION

INDEXING THE BASIC EDUCATION FORMULA

Basic formula dollars are the foundation of educational support for schools. Indexing the formula will change the local budget planning proess and state advocacy for the better.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CROSS-SUBSIDY BUY-DOWN

MREA, and many education advocates, successfully led a multi-year effort to secure a significant increase in state aid, permanently buying down local school district special education cross-subsidies.