



Medford Public School
ISD #763

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

School Board Agenda Item

Meeting Date: December 19, 2016
Topic: Legislative Update

Place on Agenda: Reports, Superintendent
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)

Legislative Forum (Rochester) on Saturday, February 4

Main education-related topics of 2017 MN Legislative Sessions:

Budget surplus of \$1.4 billion

Adequate and equitable funding for schools

- Improve the Basic Formula, including inflationary increase
- Increased funding for Special Education
- Funding for all schools for TD&E
- Narrow the gap between high and low-revenue schools

Tax relief and reform

- Equalize the tax impact on low property wealth districts

Education Policy

- Early learning
- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) / Testing
- Teacher Licensure, Teacher Shortages