



SEE Districts

- Albany
- Albert Lea
- Annandale
- Anoka-Hennepin
- Austin
- Belle Plaine
- Big Lake
- Braham
- Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose
- Byron
- Cambridge-Isanti
- Cannon Falls
- Centennial
- Chisago Lakes
- Dassel-Cokato
- Delano
- East Central
- Elk River
- Faribault
- Forest Lake
- Fridley
- Hastings
- Hinckley-Finlayson
- Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted
- Hutchinson
- Jordan
- Kasson-Mantorville
- Kimball
- Lake City
- La Crescent-Hokah
- Litchfield
- Maple Lake
- Medford
- Melrose
- Milaca
- Monticello
- Mora
- New London-Spicer
- New Prague
- North Branch
- Northfield
- Owatonna
- Paynesville
- Pine City
- Pine River-Backus
- Princeton
- Prior Lake-Savage
- Rockford
- Rocori
- Roseau
- Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan
- Royalton
- Rush City
- Sartell-St. Stephen
- South St. Paul
- St. Francis
- St. Michael-Albertville
- Stewartville
- Tri-City United
- Waconia

Schools for Equity in Education (SEE) is a vibrant organization with a mission that all public school children must have equal access to a high quality education regardless of where they live in Minnesota. The success of this mission does not depend on geography, but relies on school districts with similar characteristics coming together to form a political mass that can and will impact Minnesota education finance and policy.

Working together, we have and can continue to make a difference!

About SEE Districts

- SEE is a coalition 59 Minnesota school districts. SEE districts serve approximately 230,000 children, one-third of Minnesota's K-12 students.
- SEE districts range in size from less than 1,000 pupils to over 34,000. SEE districts span across the state, including many suburban and outstate districts.
- Two common characteristics bring SEE districts together.
 1. SEE districts' student demographics do not generate significant categorical aid or other funding from the state. Thus, SEE districts tend to receive the minimum in state funding.
 2. SEE districts are lower property wealth districts where the taxpayer cost for a school levy dollar is high. This makes it more expensive and difficult to pass voter-approved levies to make up for inadequate state funding.

Advantages of SEE Membership

A constant presence at the State Capitol lobbying on issues that impact your districts.

- Speaking with one voice on shared issues enhances the ability to influence state funding and policy.
- SEE districts retain high-caliber, experienced lobbyists by leveraging their buying power with other districts.
- SEE lobbyists have a deep understanding of the legislative process and expertise in education funding and policy.

Understandable data and resources to support communication on the issues that impact SEE districts.

- SEE's staff has the ability of making complex issues understandable. For example, SEE's Capitol Pizza video simplified the issue of equity without having to understand the complexities of school finance.
- Excellent website with information specific to individual SEE districts to assist communications with your community and legislators. MinnPost declared that the SEE website was the go-to place for education funding information that, "... is home to an impressive collection of documents that might well be titled, "School Finance for Dummies."
- Timely and accurate information through weekly newsletters, daily blogs and action alerts during the legislative session and continued research throughout the year.

“The quality of a child’s education should not depend on their zipcode.”

More Advantages of SEE Membership

Professional development and networking at SEE meetings and events

- Excellent programming at **SEE general membership** meetings connects administrators and board members with educational experts and political insiders to discuss timely and relevant issues. CEUs are available. Previous program speakers included:
 - Key legislators including House and Senate leadership and E-12 chairs.
 - A panel discussion on pre-K and all-day kindergarten programs that have proven success in increasing student achievement
 - Dr. Bill Morris, one of Minnesota’s leading analysts of public opinion and political trends.
 - Dr. Clayton Cook, an expert on social-emotional learning from the University of Minnesota.
- Members from the Career Pathways and Technical Education Task Force outlining their recommendations.
- With **SEE regional meetings**, SEE staff meets directly with members in small group settings around the state to provide current information in a format that promotes questions and a free exchange of ideas.
- Seventy to ninety members attend each of our six **SEE general membership meetings** providing excellent networking opportunities with colleagues that share similar interests and challenges.
- Members become better informed and prepared to address funding and equity issues with their communities and legislators.

A community outreach liaison who educates and engages a growing network of education advocate including parents, community members, and business leaders within SEE districts and stands ready to support community engagement in your district.

- The liaison organizes and hosts highly-effective “SEE Days at the Capitol”, bringing community members and their legislators together with direct liaison support to discuss K-12 issues specific to their districts.
- The liaison is ready to travel to SEE districts to share a powerful yet easy to understand presentation for community members and staff explaining how schools are funded and why they continue to struggle with inequitable funding.



A SEE day at the Capitol brings community members together with their legislators.

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