



2023 MDE/MASA Back to School Conference

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 7:30 am to 3:15 pm CDT

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Welcome

We hope you are enjoying the conclusion of a successful school year and are enjoying a bit of a reprieve before jumping into the 2023-24 school year! We, however, are busy at work preparing to welcome you to the annual MDE/MASA Back to School Conference! Last year's event was well received by conference attendees - particularly some of the roundtable sessions, the breakouts and the panel discussions. A visit from the Governor was a welcome start to the day. This year, we are excited to offer a variety of breakout sessions, share information regarding the latest legislative session and conclude the day with a panel discussion from education finance experts.

Please make plans to join us for the 2023 MDE/MASA Back to School Conference, on Tuesday, August 8th at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest. Plan to bring your leadership team and kick off the 2023-24 school year with colleagues from across the state! Let's start the new school year talking together about the shared responsibility of delivering excellence in our education systems for each student, every day. Bring a team and benefit from the chance to discuss how what you are learning impacts your own district. We look forward to seeing you at the Back to School Conference!

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[7025 Northland Drive](#)

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7:30-8:30am Registration

7:30-8:15am Breakfast

8:15-9:15am General Session

Welcome to the conference! Our opening session will feature remarks from Education Commissioner, Willie Jett and MASA Executive Director, Deb Henton. In addition, Governor Tim Walz has been invited to address our group and share his vision for Minnesota schools in the new year. We also have a panel discussion planned during which some of our MASA Component Group leaders will share what they are doing to engage and welcome their students and staff to the 2023-24 school year.

9:30-10:15am Breakout Sessions

10:30-11:15am Breakout Sessions

11:15-12:00 Lunch

12:00-12:45pm Table Talks

Includes informal conversations with MDE staff and school leaders featuring various topics!

1:00-1:45pm Breakout Sessions

2:00-3:00pm General Session

We will wrap up the day with a panel discussion from MDE's division of School Finance regarding financial implications to school districts following the most recent legislative session. You won't want to miss this conversation!