



Medford Public School  
ISD #763

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

### **School Board Agenda Item**

**Meeting Date:** February 8, 2016

**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)

### **Legislative Forum February 4**

#### **Main topics:**

**Funding the Basic Formula** --- loss of 36% of "buying power" to inflation over 25 years

**Teacher shortages** --- licensure, quality/supply, retention

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

**Early Childhood** --- funding, space, teachers, partnerships

#### **Upcoming:**

February Budget Forecast

Governor Dayton's Budget Recommendations

March deadlines for bills to move forward from committees