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During this last school year MREA was committed to supporting Greenbush-Middle River Public Schools, providing extensive pandemic planning and distance learning guidance. On behalf of all our Greater Minnesota students and educators, we were also actively engaged with legislators and state officials to address E-12 funding, policy, tax, and budget issues.

**Thank you for your continued membership that is essential to advocating for equitable educational opportunities and policies across Greater Minnesota.**

#### Your Voice at the Capitol

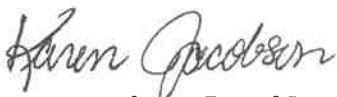
As you know, MREA's voice at the Capitol is *your* voice at the Capitol. We lead and collaborated to secure critical approvals and keep legislators and policy officials informed of the impact of their decisions. We also helped position and prioritize rural education for the legislative special session, including:

- 2&2 percent increases on the general education formula
- Pandemic enrollment aid
- Opposing unfunded mandates
- More equitable distribution of ESSER funds to rural school districts
- See more on the enclosed flyer or at [MREAVoice.org/progressreport](https://mreavoiced.org/progressreport)

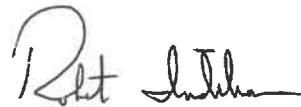
#### Emerging Rural Strong

We all want students, educators, and schools to emerge Rural Strong from the upheaval of the 2020-21 school year. Your district's renewed membership is vital to creating pathways through this still-evolving environment. Send in your renewal with your updated information by July 15 to ensure your voice is heard.

Thank you for the privilege of representing Greenbush-Middle River Public Schools. We look forward to welcoming you in person to our events this year!



Karen Jacobson, Board President  
Executive Director, MN River Valley Education District



Bob Indihar, Executive Director

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