



Where Minnesota School Boards Learn to Lead

August 28, 2023

Dear Superintendent,

Happy New School Year!

Enclosed you will find information regarding the upcoming fall opportunities through the Minnesota School Boards Association.

We have included one copy for each of your district's school board members. We encourage you to share them with the school board team at the next board meeting.

Please note that advance registration closes soon – September 8 – for the virtual *Building a High-Performance School Board Team: Phase III Workshop*. Late registration is available for an additional fee, but we cannot guarantee the materials will arrive in time for the session.

For questions regarding registration, please send an email to registration@mnmsba.org

We look forward to a great school year for all Minnesota schools, students, staff, and leadership.

Sincerely,
Minnesota School Boards Association

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Upcoming School Board Learning Opportunities



Building a High-Performance School Board Team: Phase III

Recognize the importance of building a strong school board and superintendent relationship for the advancement of student achievement.



The **Building a High-Performance School Board Team: Phase III Workshop** focuses on the stages of board development, characteristics of a high-performing school board team, navigating board dynamics, small-group interactions with school board video scenarios, and an overview of the MSBA School Board Self-Evaluation tool.

A virtual two-part session is scheduled for:

- Part A: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, September 22, 2023
- Part B: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, September 29, 2023

Attendance at both Part A and Part B is required to receive attendance credit.

Registration: School district staff can register board members and superintendents for this virtual session through September 8, 2023, via the Event Registration link on the Phase III Workshop webpage.

An in-person session will be held during Leadership Conference week:

- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, January 10, 2024
- Hyatt Regency Minneapolis**

Representing Your Community Through Policy and Engagement: Phase IV

Discuss open forums and ways you can make them more productive. Learn how your policies help you be a high-functioning board member.



The **Representing Your Community Through Policy and Engagement: Phase IV Workshop** focuses on examples of a board member's role as a policymaker and interactive small-group sessions that walk through an actual community engagement activity. This workshop will also have a segment on how to work with the media and public forums.

A virtual two-part session is scheduled for:

- Part A: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, October 20, 2023
- Part B: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, October 27, 2023

Attendance at both Part A and Part B is required to receive attendance credit.

Registration: School district staff can register board members and superintendents for this virtual session through October 6, 2023, via the Event Registration link on the Phase IV Workshop webpage.

Workshop fees for each session:

- \$210 for advance registration
- \$230 for late registration or walk-in registrants

Save the date for the 2024 MSBA Leadership Conference

Leadership Conference scheduled for January 11-12 in Minneapolis

The **2024 MSBA Leadership Conference** is set for **Thursday, January 11**, and **Friday, January 12, 2024**, at the **Minneapolis Convention Center**.

There is no registration fee for MSBA members to attend this two-day conference. MSBA provides this conference every January as part of members' annual dues. **Registration will be available in fall 2023.**

Visit the Leadership Conference webpage to fill out a **Call for Presentations form** (to submit a workshop or roundtable proposal), download nomination forms for the **MSBA All-State School Board** and **Rising Star Award**, and access applications for the **School Excellence Showcase** and for **your student band or choir to perform at the Leadership Conference**.

Learning to Lead – School Board Basics: Phase I

Learn the basics of school board work.



The **Learning to Lead – School Board Basics Workshop: Phase I** helps new board members hit the ground running. This session covers the role of the school board, the role of the superintendent, the leadership team relationship, and common scenarios facing new board members.

Upcoming sessions will be offered on:

- 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, November 30, 2023 (virtual)
- 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, December 6, 2023 (virtual)
- 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, December 8, 2023 (virtual)
- 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, February 1, 2024 (virtual)

An in-person session is scheduled for:

- 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, January 9, 2024 (Minneapolis)

Registration: School district staff can register board members and superintendents for the November and December sessions in October 2023 via the Event Registration link on the Phase I Workshop webpage.

Workshop fees for the Phase I session:

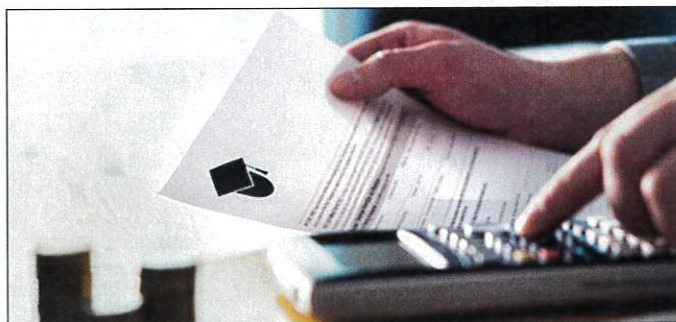
\$125 for advance registration

\$135 for late registration or walk-in registrants



Leadership Foundations – School Finance and Management: Phase II

Become familiar with school district finance and personnel issues.



The **Leadership Foundations – School Finance and Management Workshop: Phase II** covers core topics such as the budget, school finance, local levies, policies, significant laws affecting school boards, collective bargaining, and personnel issues.

Virtual two-part sessions are scheduled for:

- Part A: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, December 13, 2023
- Part B: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, December 20, 2023
- Part A: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, February 8, 2024
- Part B: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, February 15, 2024

Attendance at both Part A and Part B is required to receive attendance credit.

An in-person session is scheduled for:

- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, January 10, 2024 (Minneapolis)

Registration: School district staff can register board members and superintendents for the December session in October 2023 via the Event Registration link on the Phase II Workshop webpage.

Workshop fees for the Phase II session:

\$210 for advance registration

\$230 for late registration or walk-in registrants

Advocacy

MSBA Fall Advocacy Tour

***The first step to helping build the MSBA Legislative Platform!
Save the date for an Advocacy Tour session in September***

Help build your association's Legislative Platform for 2024! Bring your ideas to one of the upcoming **virtual Fall Advocacy Tour meetings** and help influence topics for the MSBA Legislative Platform.

Visit <https://mnmsba.org/workshops-events/advocacy-tour> for more information.

2023 Fall Advocacy Tour schedule

- **Tuesday, September 12, 2023**
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. — Metro Minnesota
- **Wednesday, September 13, 2023**
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. — Southern Minnesota
- **Thursday, September 14, 2023**
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. — Central and Northern Minnesota
- **Friday, September 15, 2023**
9 a.m. to 10 a.m. — Open to all MSBA Areas

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**Kimberley
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All meetings will be held virtually. Check your email inbox for invitations in September.

All Board Members: Submit a Legislative Resolution

MSBA members are encouraged to propose resolutions to the Delegate Assembly for the upcoming legislative session. Your resolutions are the first step to developing the MSBA's official positions on important educational issues. Each resolution is researched and voted on by school board Delegates at the Delegate Assembly. Once adopted, these policies guide the MSBA Government Relations team as they represent you at the Legislature. Resolutions should cover any education topic of significant statewide concern and address desired legislative outcomes. Resolutions are not legislation.

Message Jen Ebert at teamgr@mnmsba.org to request or submit a resolution form.

What is the Delegate Assembly and Why is it Important?

MSBA's Legislative Positions are adopted through the Delegate Assembly. School board members from throughout the state are elected for a two-year term by their peers to serve as Delegates.

Each December, Delegates discuss and vote on various legislative resolutions submitted by school boards and individual school board members. Those resolutions that receive a majority vote, as well as positions adopted during previous years, become the basis for MSBA staff lobbying efforts on behalf of all public school board members in the state.

The **2023 MSBA Delegate Assembly meeting** is scheduled for **Friday, December 1, and Saturday, December 2, 2023**, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bloomington – Minneapolis South.

For more information, visit <https://mnmsba.org> and select "MSBA Delegate Assembly" under the "At the Capitol" drop-down menu.



Third Thursday Webinar Series

Upcoming webinar schedule

- 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, September 21, 2023: "Negotiations"
- 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, October 19, 2023: "Election Process" (for Administrative Assistants)
- 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, November 16, 2023: "Mentoring the Mentor"
- 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, December 21, 2023: "The Organizational Meeting"

The Third Thursday Series is sponsored by Ehlers, Eide Bailly, InGensa, Sourcewell, and Widseth.

Recurring Virtual Meetings

Coffee & Conversation

The Coffee & Conversation meetings are led by MSBA Executive Director Kirk Schneidawind and MSBA staff. Listening to and talking with your school board colleagues is the purpose of this series.

- **Target audience:** School board members
- **When:** First and third Tuesday of the month from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Visit MSBA website for schedule.
- **Zoom ID:** 825 8874 6538

This series is sponsored by PFM Asset Management.



Board Chair Chat

MSBA's series of virtual Board Chair Chat sessions focuses on conversations around the board chair's roles and responsibilities.

- **Target audience:** Board chairs and superintendents (who are welcome to share the Zoom information with their entire board).
- **When:** First Wednesday of each month from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
- **Zoom ID:** 899 8006 1897

Friday Chat Room

The Friday Chat Room offers MSBA members the opportunity to stay informed on the latest legislative news from the MSBA Government Relations team.

- **Target audience:** School board members and superintendents
- **When:** Every Friday during the legislative session from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- **Zoom ID:** 878 6834 0142

