

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: JACK AAKHUS, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT MSBA RESOLUTION ENSURING ADEQUATE
 TIME FOR IMPACT OF NEW LAWS**

COMMENTS:

A board member has asked that the following resolution be sent to MSBA for inclusion in MSBA's legislative platform. This resolution would encourage MSBA to work in partnership with school leaders to urge the legislature to provide adequate time for districts to plan their budgets for legislative changes. If the legislation cannot wait, this measure would require that the governor must sign off on the legislation by March 1st, so that school boards can factor this into their budget.

District Budget Timeline:

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January-April preliminary budget work.

April-May setting of the budget

June 30th deadline for board approval of the budget.

Legislative Session:

January-end of May

Special Sessions can range from June-July, this year we had a special session on June 9th.

The difference between the preparation of school budgets and the statutory deadline for budget approvals range from a month to less than a month. Oftentimes it takes time to fully understand the financial implications of the legislative process. This proposal seeks to expand the amount of time from legislative action to effect on school districts by either delaying or in expedited cases requiring legislative action and governor approval earlier in the year.

The board is being asked to approve the submission of this resolution to MSBA as part of MSBA's process for gathering input and direction from the school boards that it serves.

ACTION:

The motion was offered by __, seconded by __, and carried by () to approve MSBA submitting a resolution ensuring adequate time for impacting of new laws.