



Working Meeting Agenda

Diamondhead Education Center
200 W. Burnsville Parkway
Burnsville, MN 55337
February 28, 2023
6:00 PM

I. Welcome

II. Discuss Public Education Advocacy Opportunities and Scheduling Meetings
with Legislators

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Speaker(s): Lesley Chester, Committee Chair

III. Wrap Up

IV. Adjourn



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

DAY AT THE CAPITOL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

8 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

2023



AMSD DAY OF **ADVOCACY**

8 - 9 A.M. Updates from AMSD Staff & Legislators
Room 316, State Capitol.
(Includes coffee and donuts)

- Featuring Sen. Mary Kunesh, New Brighton and Rep. Cheryl Youakim, Hopkins.

COMMITTEE **HEARINGS**

Attendees can attend hearings between meetings with their local legislators.

8:30 - 10 A.M. Senate Education Finance Committee
Room 1150, Senate Building

10:30 A.M. - 12 P.M. House Education Finance Committee
Room 120, State Capitol

12:30 - 2 P.M. Senate Education Policy Committee
Room 1200, Senate Building

3 - 4:30 P.M. House Education Policy Committee
Room 120, State Capitol

PLAN AHEAD **NOW**

Call ahead to schedule appointments with your local legislators as their schedules fill up for weeks in advance. Also, spread the word and invite people from your school district to join you in this day of advocacy for our students and our schools.

FIND YOUR **LEGISLATORS**

Find your AMSD Senators here:

- <https://www.amsd.org/AMSD2023Senate>

Find your AMSD House Members here:

- <https://www.amsd.org/AMSD2023House>

PLEASE **RSVP**

Please contact AMSD Office Manager Kimberly Jansa at kjansa@amsd.org by Thursday, March 2 with the number of attendees from your district.





What: MSBA/MASA Day at the Capitol

When: Monday, March 20, 2023

Where: [Radisson Hotel St. Paul Downtown](https://www.radissonhotelsamericas.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-st-paul-downtown) (<https://www.radissonhotelsamericas.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-st-paul-downtown>), 161 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul

Members from MSBA and the Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) will gather from 7:30 a.m. to noon Monday morning for networking and learning, and to hear from some of Minnesota's education policy and finance decision-makers (**see schedule below**). In the afternoon, attendees are welcome to meet with their district's legislators (attendees will have to schedule these meetings on their own — [click here to find who represents your district](https://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/districts/) (<https://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/districts/>)) or attend the 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Senate Education Policy Committee meeting.

[Access a promotional flier for the MSBA/MASA Day at the Capitol](https://mnmsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/DAC-Promo-2023.pdf) (<https://mnmsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/DAC-Promo-2023.pdf>).

Registration and Hotel Reservations

Registration information

Registration fee: \$60 for advance registration (\$80 for walk-in registrants) — **Advance registration closes on March 12.**

Registration covers continental breakfast, lunch, program materials, and parking at the hotel.

Registration: School district staff, please [click here to access event registration](https://mnmsba.org/enviser/?target=https://mnmsba.enviserams.com/wordpress-redirect/?target=/events/upcoming-events) (<https://mnmsba.org/enviser/?target=https://mnmsba.enviserams.com/wordpress-redirect/?target=/events/upcoming-events>). (All registrations should be coordinated through the district office.)

Direct registration-related questions to Jen Ebert at registration@mnmsba.org (<mailto:registration@mnmsba.org>).

Hotel information

Radisson Hotel St. Paul Downtown (formerly Best Western Capitol Ridge), St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul

If you plan to stay at the Radisson the night of Sunday, March 19, [please click here to access the special room rate for MSBA and MASA members](https://www.radissonhotelsamericas.com/en-us/booking/room-display?checkInDate=2023-03-19&checkOutDate=2023-03-20&adults%5B%5D=1&children%5B%5D=0&searchType=pac&promotionCode=2303SB&hotelCode=USASPMN) (<https://www.radissonhotelsamericas.com/en-us/booking/room-display?checkInDate=2023-03-19&checkOutDate=2023-03-20&adults%5B%5D=1&children%5B%5D=0&searchType=pac&promotionCode=2303SB&hotelCode=USASPMN>).

- **Room rate:** \$129 (plus tax) for a room with two queen beds.
- **Note:** Free room cancellation before 6 p.m. March 18, 2023

MSBA/MASA Day at the Capitol Agenda

- 7:30 a.m. Check-in/Continental Breakfast/Networking
- 8:00 a.m. Welcome — Kirk Schneidawind, MSBA Executive Director and Dr. Deb Henton, MASA Executive Director
- 8:15 a.m. A Video Message to Members from MDE Commissioner Willie Jett
- 8:30 a.m. Review of the Governor’s Budget Priorities — Director of School Finance, Cathy Erickson, Minnesota Department of Education
- 9:30 a.m. Panel: House and Senate Education Policy Decision-Makers
- Chair Steve Cwodzinski – Senate Education Policy
 - Chair Laurie Pryor – House Education Policy
 - Rep Peggy Bennett – House Education Policy, Republican lead
 - Senator Zach Duckworth – Senate Education Policy
- 10:15 a.m. Panel: House and Senate Education Finance Decision-Makers
- Vice Chair Heather Gustafson – Senate Education Finance (invited)
 - Senator Jason Rarick – Senate Education Finance, Republican lead
 - Chair Cheryl Youakim – House Education Finance
 - Rep Ben Bakeberg – House Education Finance
- 11:00 a.m. Lunch and learn with Jay Stoffel, Executive Director of Teachers Retirement Association – Update on TRA proposals
- 11:20 a.m. Issues you need to understand for Effective Advocacy – Denise Dittrich, Kim Lewis and Valerie Dosland, MSBA/MASA Government Relations
- 11:55 a.m. Final instructions and logistics for your day at the Capitol, Andrea Cuene, MSBA Government Relations
- 12:30 p.m. Senate Education Policy Committee Meeting (optional) — 1200 Minnesota Senate Building
- 3:30 p.m. Possible floor sessions (optional) — Watch for details as schedules become available.

Please remember to schedule meetings with your local legislators well in advance of our Day at the Capitol.

Also, feel free to attend your previously scheduled meetings with your elected legislators at any point during the day.

Another option is to ask your State Representative to leave the floor session to meet with you outside the House chambers.

MSBA Event Cancellation Policy

Cancellation by Meeting Participants for MSBA/MASA Day at the Capitol

- (1) If a pre-registered participant cancels any time prior to the date registration closes, MSBA will fully refund the registration fee.
- (2) If a pre-registered participant cancels between the date registration closes until the time the MSBA-sponsored event/activity begins, he/she will be charged an administration fee of \$30.
- (3) Once an event/activity begins, all registrants are responsible for the full registration fee.



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