



Working Meeting Agenda

Diamondhead Education Center
200 W. Burnsville Parkway
Burnsville, MN 55337
August 22, 2023
6:00 PM

Strategic Directions:

- Creating space and opportunity for each and every voice to be heard
- Actively leading by developing and sustaining a diverse and equitable education system
- Supporting and leveraging innovation to improve student outcomes and district culture
- Engaging our community to ensure common understanding of our Strategic Roadmap and the district work to support it

I. Welcome

II. Discuss 2024 Legislative Priorities

Speaker(s): Director Lesley Chester

III. Wrap Up

IV. Adjourn

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Association of Metropolitan School Districts

2024 Legislative Platform Survey

Please complete the following survey to assist the AMSD Legislative Committee in drafting a platform for the 2024 legislative session. The survey results will serve as the starting point for the development of the platform. Your participation is important and greatly appreciated.

The survey will remain open through **Friday, Aug. 18**.

Background

The 2024 session will convene on Feb. 12, 2024. Having adopted the biennial budget last session, legislators will focus on policy issues and perhaps approving a capital bonding bill. That said, if the November Budget and Economic Forecast projects a surplus, a supplemental budget bill will become a possibility.

As a reminder, the E-12 Education Bill approved last session increased funding by \$2.5 billion for the 2024-25 biennium and \$3.3 billion for the 2026-27 biennium, and included a formula increase of 4 percent for FY 24 and 2 percent for FY 25.

Several long-time AMSD priorities were included in the bill, including linking the formula to inflation with a minimum increase of 2 percent and a maximum increase of 3 percent; allowing locally elected school boards to renew an existing operating referendum one time; reducing the cross-subsidies in the special education and English learner programs; and expanding funding for the Voluntary Prekindergarten program and making funding for the previously approved seats permanent.

You can find the House Research summary of the 2023 E-12 Bill here:

- [LINK: View a summary of the 2023 E-12 Bill](#)

On the political front, 2024 is a presidential election year and Minnesota's eight congressional representatives and U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar will be on the ballot. Only House members will be on the ballot in state elections as the terms for the constitutional officers and state senators run through 2026. We also anticipate several AMSD member districts will have referendum questions on the ballot this fall, along with numerous school board and municipal elections. With all of this in mind, please list your priorities for the 2024 legislative session.

1. Please tell us your name, title and school district.

Name

Title

School District

2. Policy Issues

Please list the top three policy issues you would like included on the 2024 AMSD legislative platform in order of importance.

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3. Funding Issues

Please list the top three funding issues you would like included on the 2024 AMSD legislative platform in order of importance.

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4. Thank you for completing the AMSD Legislative Platform Survey. Please use the space below to share any other comments or suggestions you have related to the AMSD platform development process or advocacy activities.

Done

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