



Working Meeting Agenda

Diamondhead Education Center
200 W. Burnsville Parkway
Burnsville, MN 55337
February 18, 2025
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. Item to Discuss

A. Report on Dakota County Legislative Breakfast

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Speaker(s): Dr. Theresa Battle, Superintendent

B. Minnesota School Board Association Day at the Capitol

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Speaker(s): Lesley Chester, Director

III. Wrap Up

IV. Adjourn

DAKOTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



SUSTAINABLE FUNDING + LOCAL CONTROL

To continue our collective commitment to providing high-quality learning environments that maximize every student's potential, Dakota County school districts have established the following priorities for the 2025 legislative session:



- 1 Further reduce or close the Special Education and Multilingual Learner programs cross-subsidies.
- 2 Refine the compensatory eligibility identification process.
- 3 Increase local optional revenue.
- 4 Fully fund or modify unemployment insurance, paid leave programs, and READ Act mandates.
- 5 Increase per pupil funding.
- 6 Allow locally elected school boards to renew existing capital projects technology referendums at the same level.
- 7 Increase the per pupil allocation and the allowable use for Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM), Operating Capital, and Lease Levy programs.
- 8 Refrain from under-funded mandates and honor local control and inherent managerial rights.
- 9 Expand access to Voluntary Pre-K.
- 10 Require data request submissions to require individual/organization identification and allow school districts to recover all costs.

TOGETHER, WE ARE COMMITTED TO TEACHING THE NEXT GENERATION OF COMMUNITY LEADERS.



Minnesota School Boards Association

2025 MSBA/MASA Joint Day at the Capitol

What: 2025 MSBA/MASA Joint Day at the Capitol

When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, March 10, 2025

Where: Radisson Hotel St. Paul Downtown (formerly known as the Capitol Ridge) and the Minnesota State Capitol

Members from MSBA and the Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) will gather for networking/learning and to hear from some of Minnesota's education policy and finance decision-makers.

In the afternoon, attendees will have the opportunity to meet with legislators. NEW THIS YEAR, appointments with your district's legislators will be scheduled for you. Also, attendees will have the ability to listen to speakers on Spotlight Issues, network with colleagues, and tour Minnesota's beautiful Capitol building.

Webinar: Also new this year, a "Know Before You Go" webinar will be available to all registered participants from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 3. This webinar designed to equip attendees with everything they need to know for a successful Day at the Capitol experience.

Event Registration

Registration fee: \$75 per person

What's included: The registration fee includes parking, meals, refreshments, shuttle bus, and prescheduled meetings logistics.

Registration webpage: Click here to access the MSBA Event Registration webpage. (All registrations should be coordinated through the district office.)

Enter any special requests (such as food allergies or mobility accommodations) in the "Special Requests" section of the registration form.

Registration deadline: Registration closes Monday, March 3, 2025.

Questions: Direct registration-related questions to Jen Ebert at registration@mnmsba.org.

Hotel Reservations

Hotel: Radisson Hotel St. Paul Downtown (formerly known as the Capitol Ridge hotel)

Address: 161 St. Anthony Ave., St. Paul, MN, 55103

Reserve your hotel room: Please click here to reserve a room through our hotel room block.

Note: On the hotel reservation webpage, the “Check in” day defaults to Sunday, March 9, and the “Check out” date defaults to Tuesday, March 11. Please be sure to select the correct day(s) you plan to stay.

Schedule

Monday, March 10, 2025

9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. — Check-in and networking for participants.

Location: Radisson hotel. Park in the gated, surface lot.

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. — Program: Welcome and Legislative Briefing

Government Relations staff will provide a political overview, along with finance and policy positions.

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. — Panels: House and Senate Education Finance Committee Co-chairs

11:45 a.m. — Depart for the State Capitol

Executive bus shuttles will run between the hotel and the Minnesota Senate Building every 15 minutes.

Noon to 3 p.m. — Homebase: Minnesota State Capitol – L’Etoile du Nord Vault Room

Refreshments, an information table, and seating will be available.

Noon to 1 p.m. — Box lunches provided in the Governor’s Dining Room at the Capitol

Noon to 3 p.m. — Time block for individual legislative constituent meetings | Meetings will be pre-scheduled with attendees’ House and Senate members. Meeting schedule will be available closer to event.

1 p.m. and 2 p.m. — Guided State Capitol Tours (optional)

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. — Spotlight on Issues and Guest Speakers – L’Etoile du Nord Vault Room

3:15 p.m. — Last shuttle bus back to the Radisson hotel

MSBA Event Cancellation Policy

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

(1) If a pre-registered participant cancels more than 48 hours prior to the event start date, MSBA will fully refund the pre-paid registration fee.

(2) If a pre-registered participant cancels less than 48 hours prior to the event start date or no-shows, they are responsible for the full registration fee and will not receive a refund from MSBA.

(3) In the unlikely event that MSBA must cancel an event, a full refund of pre-paid registration fees will be issued.

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