



Working Meeting Agenda

Diamondhead Education Center
200 W. Burnsville Parkway
Burnsville, MN 55337
April 15, 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. Follow-up Letters to Legislators

Speaker(s): Theresa Battle, Superintendent

III. Wrap Up

IV. Adjourn

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Letter to legislators re: District 191 Platform & specific legislation

Dear Legislator:

On behalf of the Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191 community, thank you for taking the time to meet with members of our Board of Education during MSBA Day on the Hill this year. We appreciate your commitment to hearing from us and your commitment to continuing Minnesota's excellent public education system.

We wanted to take this opportunity to share a little information about District 191, and to highlight some specific legislation that aligns with our 2025 Legislative Platform, which focuses on providing full funding for mandates and essential services, removing barriers so all students can succeed, and creating safe school environments.

Like many districts, we're facing pressures on our budget for 2025-26. This includes:

- A total projected budget deficit of \$11 million, if we were to keep services flat;
- Cross subsidies of \$11 million for special education and English learner services;
- Summer unemployment benefits cost of \$100,000, and;
- Expected loss of \$2 million in Compensatory Revenue related to under-reporting of families who would qualify for educational benefits.

There are a number of bills currently being considered by the state Legislature that would address these and other issues in our Legislative Platform. We encourage you to support the following bills:

- HF 515 (Bakeberg) and SF 1086 (Duckworth) to increase the general education basic formula allowance by an additional 3% per year;
- HF 31 (Youakim) and SF 1357 (Kunesh) addressing compensatory revenue and increasing funding for school unemployment aid;
- HF 51 (Virnig) and SF 1198 (Hauschild) authorizing roof projects as part of long-term facilities maintenance, and;
- HF 409 (Myers) increasing Local Optional Revenue levy allowance.

Thank you again for your time and for your work on behalf of Minnesota's students.

Sincerely,

House and Senate Members from our District Areas

Confirm which legislators Sarah should send the follow-up letter to:

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District	Name	Committee Assignments	Bio Info
55B	Rep. Kaela Berg (DFL) 5th Floor Centennial Office Building * St. Paul, MN 55155 651-296-5387 E-mail: rep.kaela.berg@house.mn.gov	Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy Public Safety Finance and Policy Transportation Finance and Policy	Home: Burnsville Occupation: Independent labor consultant Elected: 2020 Term: 3rd Family: 2 children
55	Sen. Lindsey Port 95 University Avenue W. Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3213 St. Paul, MN 55155 651-296-5975	Chair Housing and Homelessness Prevention Elections Health and Human Services	Home: Burnsville Family: Married, Spouse Steve, 2 children. Occupation: Nonprofit advisor and consultant Education: University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
52A	Rep. Liz Reyer (DFL) 5th Floor Centennial Office Building * St. Paul, MN 55155 651-296-4128 E-mail: rep.liz.reyer@house.mn.gov	Capital Investment Commerce Finance and Policy Health Finance and Policy	Home: Eagan Occupation: Researcher/leadership coach Education: B.A., Chinese, University of Minnesota; M.A., political science, Ohio State University Elected: 2020 Term: 3rd Family: Married, spouse Jim, 4 children
52	Sen. Jim Carlson (DFL) 95 University Avenue W. Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3221 St. Paul, MN 55155 651-297-8073 E-mail: Use Mail Form	Chair Elections Judiciary and Public Safety State and Local Government Transportation	Home: Eagan 1247 Carlson Lake Lane 55123 (651) 454-6295 Born: 02/17/1947 Family: Married, Spouse Gayle, 2 children. Occupation: Retired mechanical engineer Education: Certificate, Dunwoody Institute B.M.E., University of Minnesota
55A	Rep. Jess Hanson (DFL) 5th Floor Centennial Office Building * St. Paul, MN 55155 651-296-4212 E-mail: rep.jessica.hanson@house.mn.gov	Children and Families Finance and Policy Higher Education Finance and Policy Taxes	Home: Burnsville Phone: 651-271-9344 Occupation: Senior network representative Education: B.S., social work, St. Catherine University; M.A., advocacy and political leadership, Metropolitan State University Elected: 2020 Term: 3rd Family: 2 children

54	Rep Brad Tabke (DFL) 5th Floor Centennial Office Building 658 Cedar Street St. Paul, MN 55155 651-296-8872 E-mail: rep.brad.tabke@house.mn.gov	Non-Voting Member Energy Finance and Policy Non-Voting Member Public Safety Finance and Policy Transportation Finance and Policy	Home: 1584 Harvest Lane, Shakopee 55379 * Occupation: Consultant Education: B.S., horticulture, Iowa State University Elected: 2018 Term: 3rd (non-consecutive) Family: Married, spouse Katy, 2 children
54	Sen Eric R. Pratt (54, R) 2217 Minnesota Senate Bldg. St. Paul, MN 55155 651-296-4123 sen.eric.pratt@mnsenate.gov	Capital Investment Ranking Minority Member Finance Jobs and Economic Development	Home: Prior Lake 14604 Surrey Lane 55372 Born: 01/23/1964 Family: Married, Spouse Tina, 2 children. Occupation: Banking risk management Education: B.A., University of Colorado M.B.A., University of Saint Thomas
56	Sen Erin K. Maye Quade (56, DFL) 3227 Minnesota Senate Bldg. St. Paul, MN 55155 651-296-4120 Use This Email Form	Vice Chair Education Policy Vice Chair State and Local Government Education Finance Human Services	Home: Apple Valley Business: St. Paul Gender Justice Born: 03/12/1986 Family: Married, Spouse Alyse, 1 child. Occupation: Nonprofit Director Education: B.A., University of Saint Thomas

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