

MASA Legislative Contact Plan for 2009

We need the help of all MASA members to execute our plan to bring steady and constant pressure on our legislators over the 2009 Legislative Session. We hope you will participate.

Below we outline a plan to have every member come to the Capitol during the legislative session. We are also asking every member to be in personal contact with their legislators several times during the session via e-mail, letters and/or phone calls.

CAPITOL VISITS:

We plan to have members at the Capitol at least twice a week all throughout the legislative session. To do so, we divided the state into regions and sub-regions and will leave it to the individual members to decide on exactly how each region is to be divided. The schedule attached indicates the dates for each group to come to St. Paul. We arranged the schedule so that no group would need to come in more than twice and spaced the visits out over the session. Members are also encouraged to come in more often if they so choose or if they are part of another group or associations effort.

We have asked three members from each region or sub-region to help coordinate this effort. Please communicate with each other to arrange your visits.

As you come to the Capitol plan to meet with your own Senator and Representatives (make appointments ahead of time) and either make appointments or just walk into the four education chairs offices and ask to meet briefly. They are Senators Stumpf and Wiger, and Representatives Greiling and Mariani. Also visit any of the other education committee members that you might know and plan to sit in on the education and/or tax committees when they are meeting.

Use the MASA Legislative Platform to guide your conversations. We will also post example messages on the MASA website all during the legislative session. Emphasize the need for both a longer range plan to guide education decisions and to provide the needed stable funding stream. Do not make comments that play one group of schools off against another. We need to stay unified. The schedule is attached.

PERSONAL CONTACTS:

We hope to keep a steady 'drumbeat' of messages coming into the Capitol on a steady basis. We are asking every member of MASA to send in a set of messages on 2 different days. This is in addition to your visits to the Capitol.

Your messages should always be polite, but direct. Use the MN Promise outline to emphasize the importance of maintaining a good education system as vital to Minnesota's future. Your messages can be delivered by telephone, e-mail or by letter. We ask that you make several contacts on your assigned date as follows:

** First of all contact your own Senator(s) and Representative(s). The contact information is included with this letter and is on the MASA website.

** Then call the offices of the Education Chairs. This involves 4 phone calls:

Senator Leroy Stumpf
Senator Chuck Wiger
Representative Mindy Greiling
Representative Carlos Mariani

** Then call the Governor's Office

** Finally, if you are getting into doing this, call the Senate and House leaders:

Senate Majority Leader Larry Pogemiller
Speaker of the House Margaret Kelliher-Anderson

Your participation in this effort is being requested on behalf of the members of the MASA Legislative Contact Committee.

Doug Conboy, Mora
Contact Sub-Committee Chair

Dennis Peterson, Minnetonka
Finance Sub-Committee Chair

Curt Trygestad, Little Falls
Policy Sub-Committee Chair

Keith Lester, Brooklyn Center
Contracts & Pensions Sub-Committee Chair



Scott Thielman, Albany
Legislative Committee Chair

Dan Brooks, Sauk Centre
President, MASA

CAPITOL VISIT SCHEDULE

Please mark your assigned dates on your calendar right away.

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| Tuesday | January 20 | SE Region <i>(Tom Ames, Bruce Klaehn, Dave Thompson)</i> |
| Thursday | January 22 | South Central Region (Mankato area) <i>(Steve Malone, Butch Hanson, Arla Dockter)</i> |
| Tuesday | January 27 | NW Region <i>(Jim Hess, Ron Paggen, Robert Doetsch)</i> |
| Wednesday | January 28 | SEE Legislative Day |
| Thursday | January 29 | Central Region (west half) <i>(George Ladd, Larry Peterson, Scott Thielman)</i> |
| Tuesday | February 3 | West Metro Region (southern area) <i>(Kevin Borg, Deb Bowers, Dennis Peterson)</i> |
| Wednesday | February 4 | SW Region (South/Worthington Area) <i>(Todd Meyer, Dave Marlette, John Landgaard)</i> |
| Thursday | February 5 | NE Region (South/L. Superior area) <i>(Scott Vedbraaten, Tim Caroline, Diane Rauschenfels)</i> |
| Tuesday | February 10 | East Metro Region (southern area) <i>(John Currie, Tim Collins, Tom Nelson)</i> |
| Thursday | February 12 | Lakes Country Region <i>(Deb Wanek, Scott Monson, Jerry Ness)</i> |
| Tuesday | February 17 | Greater MN Spec Ed Component Group <i>(Tammy Nielson, Darren Kermes, Julie Ladwig)</i> |
| Thursday | February 19 | North Central Region (Staples area) <i>(Chuck Arns, Cathy Bettino, Curt Tryggestad)</i> |
| Tuesday | February 24 | SW Region (North/Marshall & Willmar areas) <i>(Klint Willert, Ted Suss, Lee Westrum)</i> |
| Thursday | February 26 | West Metro Region (northern area) <i>(Mark Bezek, Keith Lester, John Schultz)</i> |
| Tuesday | March 3 | NE Region (North-Iron Range area) <i>(Phil Johnson, Shawn Northey, Charles Rick)</i> |
| Wednesday | March 4 | East Metro Region (northern area) <i>(Meria Carstarphen, Kathy Kelly, John Thein)</i> |
| Thursday | March 5 | Central Region (east half) <i>(Doug Conboy, Mark Sleeper, Darwin Bostic)</i> |
| Tuesday | March 10 | SW Region (south half/Worthington area) |
| Wednesday | March 11 | Metro Sp. Ed, Central Off & Curriculum Group <i>(Erin Metoxen, Barb Pitcher, Kate Foate Trewick, Jane Sigford)</i> |
| Thursday | March 12 | NW Region |

Capitol Visit Schedule (continued)

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| Tuesday | March 17 | Service Providers <i>(Jeremy Kovash, Cliff Carmody, Jerry Robicheau)</i> |
| Wednesday | March 18 | Alliance Rally (tent) |
| Tuesday | March 24 | SE Region |
| Thursday | March 26 | West Metro Region (south area) |
| Tuesday | March 31 | South Central Region (Mankato) |
| Thursday | April 2 | SW Region (north/Marshall & Willmar area) |
| ***** Week of April 6 th is Easter week. Visit legislators in home districts ***** | | |
| Thursday | April 16 | NE Region (south/the Lake Superior area) |
| Tuesday | April 21 | East Metro Region (south area) |
| Thursday | April 23 | Metro Special Ed Group <i>(Erin Metoxen, Daryl Miller, Toni Johns)</i> |
| Tuesday | April 28 | North Central Region (Staples area) |
| Thursday | April 30 | Central Region (east half) |
| Tuesday | May 5 | NE Region (north/Range area) |
| Thursday | May 7 | East Metro Region (north half) |
| Tuesday | May 12 | Out-state Sp Ed, Cent Off & Curriculum Group <i>(Tammy Nielson, Wayne Kazmierczak, Julia Espe)</i> |
| Thursday | May 14 | Central Region (West half) |
| Tuesday | May 19 | W Metro (North half) |
| Thursday | May 21 | Lakes Country |

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Please mark your assigned dates on your calendar right away.

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| Monday | January 19 | East Metro Region (south area) |
| Tuesday | January 20 | Metro Special Ed Group |
| Wednesday | January 21 | North Central Region (Staples area) |
| Monday | January 26 | Central Region (east half) |
| Tuesday | January 27 | NE Region (north/Range area) |
| Wednesday | January 28 | East Metro Region (north half) |
| Monday | February 2 | Out-state Sp Ed, Cent. Off & Curriculum Group |
| Wednesday | February 4 | Central Region (West half) |
| Monday | February 9 | W Metro (North half) |
| Wednesday | February 11 | Lakes Country |
| Monday | February 16 | SE Region |
| Wednesday | February 18 | South Central Region |
| Monday | February 23 | NW Region |
| Wednesday | February 25 | Central Region (west half) |
| Monday | March 2 | West Metro Region (southern area) |
| Wednesday | March 4 | SW Region (South/Worthington Area) |
| Monday | March 9 | NE Region (South/L. Superior area) |
| Wednesday | March 10 | East Metro Region (southern area) |
| Monday | March 16 | Lakes Country Region |
| Wednesday | March 18 | Greater MN Spec Ed Component Group |
| Monday | March 23 | North Central Region (Staples area) |
| Wednesday | March 25 | SW Region (North/ Marshall & Willmar areas) |
| Monday | March 30 | West Metro Region (northern area) |
| Wednesday | April 1 | NE Region (North-Iron Range area) |
| Monday | April 6 | East Metro Region (northern area) |

***** Easter Week. Be sure to contact your legislators while they are at home *****

Personal Contact Schedule (continued)

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| Monday | April 20 | Central Region (east half) |
| Wednesday | April 22 | SW Region (south half/Worthington area) |
| Monday | April 27 | Metro Sp. Ed, Central Off & Curriculum Group |
| Wednesday | April 29 | NW Region |
| Monday | May 4 | Service Providers |
| Wednesday | May 6 | SE Region |
| Monday | May 11 | West Metro Region (south area) |
| Wednesday | May 13 | South Central Region (Mankato) |
| Monday | May 18 | SW Region (north/Marshall & Willmar area) |
| Wednesday | May 20 | NE Region (south/the Lake Superior area) |