



The Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) recommends the Minnesota Legislature consider passage of the following proposals:

Education **FUNDING**

Funding a quality educational system is vital to Minnesota’s prosperity. To support local decision-making, improve achievement across the state, foster innovation, and create a world-class workforce the state must:

- Increase the basic general education formula by at least \$300 per pupil unit, per year, to address the current rate of inflation and persistent underfunding of the basic formula.
- Provide comprehensive facilities revenue reform that encompasses alternative facilities, deferred maintenance, health and safety, capital projects, technology infrastructure, and debt service funding streams for all school districts. Each funding stream must include improvement to equalization factors and be indexed where allowable for inflation.
- Provide funding for mandates, increased technology access, and professional growth and evaluation of teachers.
- Expand funding for school-based early childhood programming

Education **POLICY**

State education policy must:

- Adopt an aligned system of assessments that provides value to students, schools, parents and policy makers and eliminates duplication of testing.
- Provide that all online assessment components be supported on a variety of technology platforms. Additional funding must be provided to ensure adequate and appropriate testing environments and minimal impact on instructional time.
- Allow school districts to retain the most effective teachers, regardless of seniority, to assure the highest quality learning experiences for all students.
- Expand options for earning licensure to address the shortage of highly qualified teachers.
- Remove credentialing and all other barriers that hinder students from participating in post-secondary or career-enhancing education opportunities, or from graduating career or college-ready.



Our Common Agenda:



Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) 2015 Legislative Platform

About MASA

As advocates of a world class education for Minnesota's children, MASA's members serve as the leading voice for public education, shape and influence the State and Federal education agenda, and empower leaders through high quality professional learning, services and support.

MASA members include over 900 public education and non-public superintendents, directors of special education, curriculum and technology leaders, other central office administrators, service providers, business partners and retirees.



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