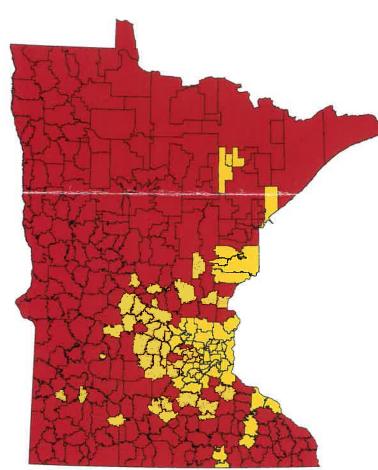


66 You are passionate and a supportive advocate for all of us in rural Minnesota schools."



MREA Member School Districts

MREA SERVES...

231 SCHOOL DISTRICTS
245,000 STUDENTS
30 COOPERATIVES
57 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

KEY WAYS WE SERVE SCHOOLS

- Weekly insider briefings on key issues
- Lobbyists at the Capitol every day
- Interactive maps and analysis showing the impact of a change on your district
- Action alerts to help you effect change
- Professional development and networking at Annual Conference
- Regional and virtual meetings
- Discounts on partner programs such as STMath and Schoolguard
- Awards and recognition for teachers and innovative school programs

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Leading Advocacy for Greater Minnesota Students.

Under the leadership of teachers, administrators, school board members and community members, MREA seeks to put learners first to bring about our best possible future.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

IN 2017-18

MREA's advocacy helped to:

- Establish tiered teacher licensure
- Expand statewide support for concurrent enrollment teacher credentialing with \$375,000 annually for four years
- Stabilize TRA defined-benefit retirement plan with shared responsibility of state and teachers
- Stop proposed constitutional amendment to take estimated \$362 million from state's general fund permanently for road projects

IN 2019

MREA led and collaborated to gain legislative approval to:

- Increase the Ag2School bond credit percentage
- Maintain state support for concurrent enrollment credentialing
- Continue funding for rural Career & Technical Education consortia
- Increase state share of operating referendum revenue

MREA participated in collaborations to gain legislative approval to:

- Provide 2% on the Gen Ed Formula each of the next two years
- Continue School Readiness Plus (SR+) funding
- Freeze and reduce Special Education cross subsidies
- Reduce number and scope of numerous new proposed mandates
- Secure \$40 million in Border-to-Border Broadband grants
- Provide up to \$30 million in school safety grants
- Reduce Special Education paperwork

MREA led and collaborated to urge the legislature to:

- Provide school districts with financial tools to address cooperative facility needs for specialized services for high need students
- Extend safe schools funding to students in educational cooperatives
- Provide annual forecasted increases of 3% on the Gen Ed Formula



AG2SCHOOL TAX CREDIT INCREASES FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES

School districts across Greater Minnesota started seeing the benefits of a new Ag2School 40% agriculture credit for school facility bonds in 2018 and now will benefit from increases to the credit percentage.

I am very impressed with MREA's ability to provide constant legislative updates in a timely manner. I also appreciate MREA providing talking points to address our legislators. This practice has increased the frequency of my legislative interactions.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

INVOICE

2019-20 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

BILL TO:

Randi Anderson, Superintendent Pelican Rapids Public Schools PO Box 642 Pelican Rapids MN 56572-0642

Membership expiration: June 30, 2019

New membership year: July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 **2019-20 Membership type:** Full ISD Membership

*APU = 962

**Shared Districts: NA

Date: June 3, 2019 **Invoice #:** 2020-1552

Due: June 30, 2019

 Base Fee:
 \$1100.00

 *Legislative Fee:
 +\$962.00

 Shared Discount:
 -\$NA

 2019-20 Dues:
 \$2062.00

Verify the information below and correct as needed:

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Service Coop: LCSC
MASA Region: 4

State House District: <u>04B,08A</u> **State Senate District:** <u>004,008</u>

Federal District: 07

Update and return this form with membership dues payment.

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Questions? Contact Diane Vosen, Administrative Coordinator



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^{*\$1.00} per Adjusted Pupil Unit (APU) to \$1,400 maximum, based on MDE APU estimates for 2019-20.

^{**}Districts with Shared Superintendents must EACH join MREA to qualify for discount. Please notify MREA if your Shared District information has changed.