

MREA

Voice For Greater Minnesota Education



ADVOCATE

- 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 affect change



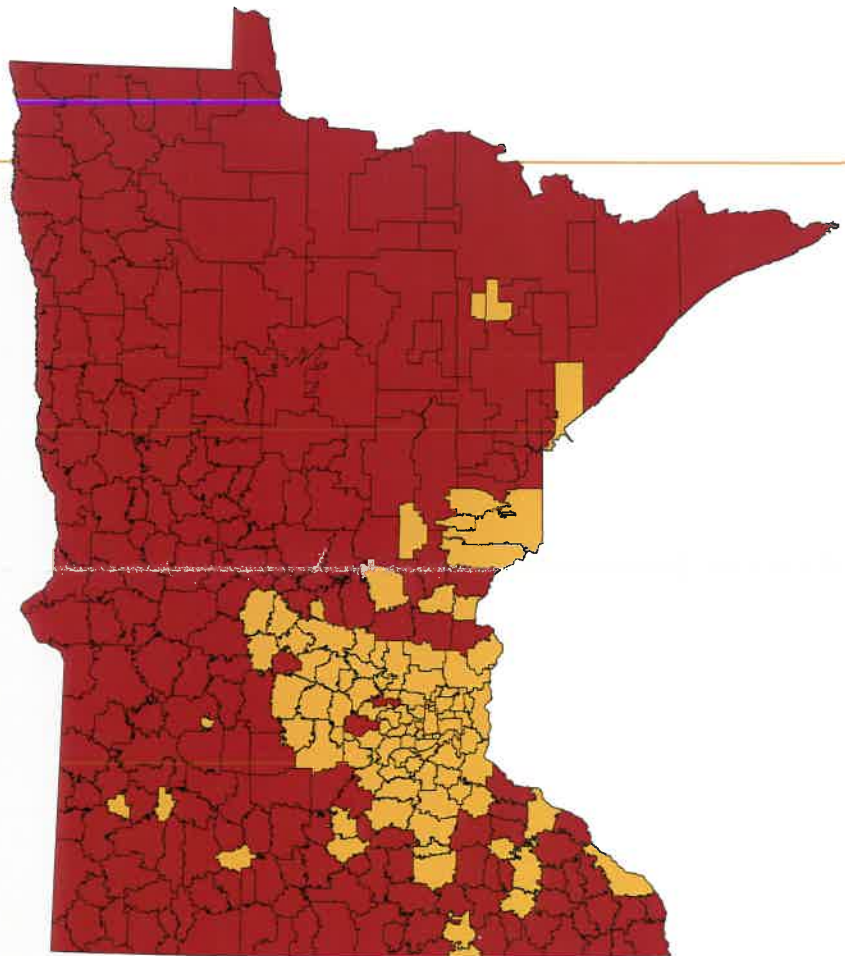
EDUCATE

- Professional development and networking at Annual Conference
- Regional and virtual meetings
- Discounts on partner programs such as OnToCollege and Coteacher



SUPPORT & RECOGNIZE

- Awards for teachers and innovative school programs
- Promotions that elevate rural schools and teachers
- SchoolGuard insurance risk program
- Crisis Communications Program



■ MREA Member School Districts



CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF PUTTING LEARNERS FIRST

For 35 years, MREA has brought a unified voice to rural education and been a constant advocate for students. We're celebrating the work and outcomes.

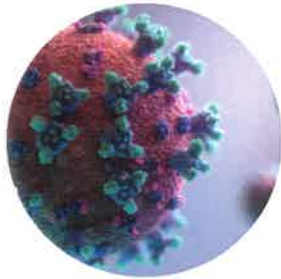
Learn more at: MREAvoice.org/history



Leading Advocacy for Greater Minnesota Students. Under the leadership of school board members, administrators, teachers and community members, MREA focuses on what puts first the education, growth and development of learners to bring about our best possible future.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS



RESPONDING TO COVID-19

MREA became a resource for schools in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic with training for school leaders, planning guides, news updates and other key tools.



AG2SCHOOL TAX CREDIT FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES

School districts across Greater Minnesota are seeing the benefits of a new Ag2School 50% agriculture credit for school facility bonds, scheduled to increase to 70%.

IN 2020

MREA's advocacy helped to:

- Preserve funding for Special Education and other categorical programs despite service interruptions due to distance learning
- Extend renewal deadlines for teacher licenses
- Provide fund transfer authority to school boards for fiscal years 2020-21
- Reduce youth vaping by raising the age to buy all tobacco products to 21
- Provide maps and analysis on broadband accessibility and advocate for expediting access for distance learning with federal COVID-19 relief funds
- Promote local flexibility in the development of distance learning plans
- Improve clarity on distance learning and COVID-19 guidelines

MREA worked with the Legislature to introduce bills and actively lobbied to:

- Continue full funding for concurrent enrollment credentialing through 2023
- Provide school districts financial tools to address cooperative facility needs for specialized services for high need students
- Fund three regional "Grow-Your-Own" (GYO) teacher initiatives
- Provide enhanced debt service equalization for newly consolidating districts
- Extend expiring operating referendums for one year in response to COVID-19

IN 2019

MREA's advocacy helped to:

- Maintain full funding for concurrent enrollment credentialing in 2019-20
- Continue funding for rural Career & Technical Education consortia
- Increase state share of operating referendum revenue
- Secure \$40 million Border-to-Border Broadband grants

“MREA has been the leading organization providing leadership and resources for schools throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. These resources have been valuable tools that have led to effective planning and implementation of programs in our schools and communities.”

Dr. Chris Mills, Superintendent, Stephen-Argyle Central



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INVOICE

2020-21 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

~ Special 1- and 2-Year Renewal Discounts~

BILL TO:

Gerald Ness, Superintendent
Pelican Rapids Public Schools
310 S Broadway PO Box 642
Pelican Rapids MN 56572-0642

Date: June 5, 2020
Invoice #: 2021-1552
Due: July 30, 2020

Current expiration: June 30, 2020
New membership year: July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
2020-21 Membership type: Full ISD Membership
APU = 958
****Shared District:** NA

**\$1.00 per Adjusted Pupil Unit (APU) to \$1,400 maximum, based on MDE APU estimates for 2020-21.*

***If sharing superintendent with another district, \$275 discount has already been applied to Base Fee. Districts with shared Superintendents must each join MREA to qualify for discount. Please notify MREA if your Shared District information has changed.*

Base Fee:\$1100
Legislative Fee:+958*
Standard FY21 Dues **\$2058**

CHECK DUES ENCLOSED:

2020-21 Discount-\$10%

1 Yr. Enclosed:..... **\$1852**

***** OR *****

2020-22 Discount-\$15%

Dues each year\$1749

2 Yrs. Enclosed: **\$3499**

CORRECT the information below and on your enclosed subscription list as needed for 2020-21:

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Update and return this form with membership dues payment.

MREA is a nonprofit 501(c)(4) membership association and dues are not tax deductible as charitable contributions. We estimate 45.1% of FY21 dues will be attributable to nondeductible lobbying activity and are NOT deductible under Internal Revenue Code Section 162 as an ordinary and necessary business expense. Provide a copy of this notice to your accountant and/or tax preparer.

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