



AMSD Legislative Preview Stillwater Area Schools

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Observation 1:

The current system distracts us from our most important mission-focusing on student achievement.



Observation 2:

The current system has changed from empowering districts to discuss their "wants" with the community to explaining "needs."



Observation 3:

The current system creates large inequities across school districts.



Observation 4:

The current funding system is not sustainable within the demographic shifts that are occurring now and into the future.

Biggest Issue: Fixing the System

AMSD 2012 Legislative Platform:

- **Remove barriers to collaboration**
 - **Establish a digital learning division within MDE**
 - **Provide funding for early education and fully funding all day kindergarten**
 - **Ensure laws promote retention of most effective teachers**
 - **Allow more flexibility for school districts to levy for needs based on unfunded mandates, ensuring safe learning environments and renewing existing operating levy authority like other units of local government**
 - **Permitting more local control for school boards to make better decisions around resources in regards to calendar, staff development resources and other funding sources**
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Change is on the way:

- **Teacher appraisal system**
 - **Local business partnerships**
 - **Reprioritizing for the 21st century**
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