MN EPF
MINNESOTA EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP

BrightWorks Metro Cohort
2025-2026 Seminar Schedule (draft*)

** Dates and times will be 100% finalized once the fellowship cohort has been established.*

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	LOCATION
9/11/25 Thursday	9:00-1:00pm	MNEPF Launch: Overview, Policy Leadership, Washington DC Experience, Federal Education Policy	BrightWorks
9/16/25 to 9/19/25 Tuesday-Friday	All Day	AESA Advocacy in Action Conference	Washington, DC *(with Rural Cohort)*
10/2/25 Thursday	9:00-3:00pm	DC Debrief, 2025 Elections, Minnesota education legislation	BrightWorks *(with Rural Cohort)*
11/6/25 Thursday	5:30-8:00pm	A Look into MN's State Budget System (Emily Adriaens – House Fiscal Analyst, invited)	Virtual *(with Rural Cohort)*
11/19/25 Wednesday	1:00-8:00pm	Metro school tour and A Look into Minnesota's Changing Demographics with the State Demographer	Metro School TBD; Wilder Foundation, St. Paul *(with Rural Cohort)*
11/20/25 Thursday	9:00-3:00pm	St. Paul Capitol Experience (Speakers TBD)	Minnesota State Capitol Complex, St. Paul *(with Rural Cohort)*
12/11/25 Thursday	5:30-8:00pm	A Look into Minnesota's Revenue System (Paul Marquart, Commissioner, MDR, invited)	Virtual *(with Rural Cohort)*
1/22/26 Thursday	9:00-3:00pm	Role of the Media in Legislative Policy & Writing Policy Briefs	BrightWorks
2/19/26 Thursday	9:00-3:00pm	AMSD, MSBA, MREA Legislative Platforms & Lobbying	BrightWorks
February/early March	TBD	Minnesota House & Senate Committee Hearing Day – date & time determined once the committee schedule is released	Minnesota State Capitol Complex, St. Paul
4/16/26 Thursday	9:00-3:00pm	Education Adequacy & Funding, History of/In Equity in US Public Education Policy	BrightWorks
5/14/26 Thursday	9:00-3:00pm	Celebration and Present Projects	BrightWorks