# Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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**Legislative Committee Meeting**
Friday, April 24, 2026, 7:30 – 9 a.m.
Hybrid meeting – In person and via Zoom

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| **Members Present:** | Sally Browne | Colin Cox | Jim DeMay |
| | Marcy Doud | Jeff Holmberg | Wendy Lundsgaard |
| | Julie Nielsen | Cassandra Palmer | Kent Pekel |
| | Alison Sherman | Scott Thielman | Kita Yang |
| **Staff Present:** | Scott Croonquist | Kimberly Jansa | Troy Melhus |
| **Guests Present:** | Kris Amundson | Jim Grathwol | |

## I. Approval of Minutes of March 27 Meeting

AMSD Chair Alison Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:38 a.m. Sherman asked members to review the minutes from the March 27 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

## II. Executive Director's Report

Vice Chair Sherman invited Executive Director Scott Croonquist to share his report. Croonquist began by thanking everyone who attended Day at the Capitol event earlier this month. There were about 175 attendees, including many students. Committee members shared their thoughts and feedback on the event.

Croonquist reported that there are just over three weeks remaining in the legislative session. He shared that the Senate Education Finance Committee approved a modest supplemental finance bill that includes one-time funding for school safety and a partial hold harmless for compensatory revenue. The House Education Finance Committee did not approve a supplemental finance bill.

Croonquist noted that the Permanent School Fund constitutional amendment has bipartisan support and is moving forward at the legislature. If the House and Senate approve the bill, it will be on the ballot for this fall's general election.

Supt. Marcy Doud gave a brief update on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Special Education and reported that several subcommittees are meeting to develop recommendations on various topics. Supt. Kent Pekel shared an overview on the Compensatory Revenue Task Force and noted that the task force heard a presentation from officials from New Mexico about their use of income tax data to identify students in need of additional support.

## III. Discussion of AMSD Position on Key Issues

Executive Director Croonquist and committee members discussed legislation related to a mandatory statewide health insurance pool and various school safety proposals. Committee members discussed creating an AMSD working group to continue studying health insurance legislation over the interim.

## IV. Adjournment

There being no other business, Chair Sherman reminded members of upcoming meetings and adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.