



Association of Metropolitan School Districts

2018

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CONFERENCE RESOURCES

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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FINANCE

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EQUITABLE EDUCATION FUNDING

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SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING

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YEAR-ROUND CALENDAR

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USING Q-COMP TO DEEPEN TEACHER RACIAL CONSCIOUSNESS

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In existence since 1974, AMSD currently represents 41 K-12 metropolitan school districts, five intermediate school districts and two integration districts. AMSD represents approximately half of all of the public school students in Minnesota. The mission of AMSD is to advocate for state education policy that enables metropolitan school districts to improve student learning.



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Agenda

- 7:30-8 AM REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- 8-8:10 A.M. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Stephanie Levine, *AMSD Chair*
- 8:10-9:10 A.M. AN OVERVIEW OF MINNESOTA'S
EDUCATION FUNDING SYSTEM
Dr. Tom Melcher, *MN Dept. of Education*
- 9:10-9:20 BREAK
- 9:20-10:20 A.M. CREATING AN EQUITABLE
EDUCATION FUNDING SYSTEM
Dr. Nicola Alexander, *University of Minnesota*
- 10:20-10:30 A.M. BREAK
- 10:30-11:30 P.M. ADVOCATING FOR AN EQUITABLE
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA
Marcy Doud, Asst. Superintendent,
West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan
Renae Ouillette, Executive Director,
Student Services, Lakeville Area Schools
- 11:30 A.M. LUNCH AND TABLE DISCUSSIONS
Conference participants encouraged to share
and discuss creative ways they are using existing
funding streams to ensure equity, access
and opportunity for all students.
- 12 NOON-12:30 P.M. ENSURING EQUITY, ACCESS AND
OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS

**Year-Round Calendar: Benefits to the Development
of the Whole Child**
John Carlson, Executive Director Finance,
Rochester Public Schools
Kris Davidson, Elementary Principal,
Rochester Public Schools

Using Q-Comp to Deepen Teacher Racial Consciousness
Astein Osei, Superintendent,
St. Louis Park Public Schools
- 12:30 - 1 P.M. SHARING OUT TABLE DISCUSSIONS



SPEAKERS



DR. TOM MELCHER

Tom Melcher is the Director of the School Finance Division at the Minnesota Department of Education, which collects student and financial data from local education agencies and provides financial management assistance to local education agencies and state policy-makers. Tom holds a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Florida.



DR. NICOLA ALEXANDER

Nicola Alexander is an Associate Professor in the Education Policy and Leadership program at the University of Minnesota. Her areas of interest include fairness, adequacy, equity, and productivity. She is author of “Policy Analysis for Educational Leaders: A Step by Step Approach.”



MARCY DOUD

Marcy Doud is the Assistant Supt. in West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan Area School District. She holds a master’s in Emotional Behavioral Disorders, an Autism Specialist Certification, a Specialist Degree as a Director of Special Education, and Superintendent’s license.



RENAE OUILLETTE

Renae Ouillette is the Executive Director of Student Services in Lakeville Area Schools. Prior to that she was the Director of Special Education for 12 years, and is also a member of MN Administrators for Special Education (MASE) and MN Association of School Administrators (MASA).



JOHN CARLSON

John Carlson is the executive director of finance for Rochester Public Schools. He earned an MBA in accounting from the University of Minnesota-Duluth.



KRIS DAVIDSON

Kris Davidson has been the principal of Longfellow Elementary School in Rochester, Minnesota since 2011 and an educator for more than 23 years. He received his bachelor’s degree from NDSU and a masters in education from Northern Arizona University.



ASTEIN OSEI

Astein Osei is the superintendent of St. Louis Park Public Schools in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. He was previously an assistant superintendent with Osseo Public Schools and a high school principal in Saint Paul Public Schools.