## Mission Statement: Our Core Purpose

The mission of AMSD is to advocate for metropolitan school districts and advance legislation that supports student achievement.

### Beliefs: What Drives Our Words and Actions

- Minnesota’s future prosperity is dependent upon the success of each and every student.
- Public education must be the highest priority of state government.
- State education policy and resource allocation must recognize and support the unique needs of metropolitan districts.
- The collective and consistent voice of member districts is critical to achieving our mission.

### Vision: What we Intend to Create

AMSD Intends to create:

- A highly engaged, fully informed, and knowledgeable membership acting as a collective voice for each and every student.
- Education-friendly policy and funding improvements that enable each student to achieve and will end the opportunity and achievement gaps.
- Proactive, strategic legislative efforts that result in:
  - Adequate funding and decreased mandates
  - Improvement in education policy with more local control and flexibility in resource allocation
  - Elimination of policies that are not effective or useful to districts
- Increased access and efficiency through technology to disseminate information and advocate for AMSD’s mission.

### Strategic Directions: Focus of Our Time and Resources

- **A.** Advocate and lobby for funding and policies that respect local-control and enable districts to successfully meet the needs of each and every student.
- **B.** Develop internal connections and a collective voice, while fostering external partnerships, to provide for local control and flexibility in resource allocation.
- **C.** Develop and engage members in our mission, utilizing technology, innovation and AMSD resources to provide research-based information and tools.
- **D.** Support the work of Reimagine Minnesota to ensure that each and every student has the opportunity to attend a school that provides an equitable and excellent education that allows them to reach their full potential.

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