

A RESPECTED AND EFFECTIVE VOICE FOR SCHOOL BOARDS AT THE CAPITOL



MSBA's Government Relations Team... Your Go-To For Advocacy

- ✓ **LED THE PUSH TO PASS THE TEACHER RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION PENSION BILL**
Increasing employer funding for pensions, but having the state pay for it, not school districts
- ✓ **TESTIFIED IN FAVOR OF A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDING PACKAGE**
Helping obtain \$25 million in funding for a statewide safe schools grant program
- ✓ **ADVOCATED FOR BROADBAND EQUITY**
Led a statewide effort to provide equitable internet access for all school districts

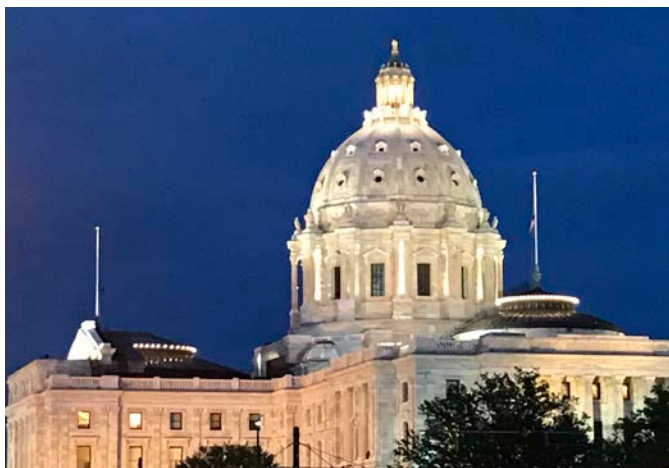


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MSBA's Government Relations staff (including Denise Dittrich, pictured with Rep. Drew Christensen) spent countless hours advocating for Minnesota's public schools at the state Capitol during the 2018 legislative session.

There's a reason **332 school districts** are members of MSBA: We advocate to meet the needs of **ALL Minnesota school districts**.

Your Go-To Government Relations Team defines the priorities important to school districts. In 2019, MSBA will lead and advocate on your behalf by:



- Advocating to fully fund the special education cross subsidy. *MSBA spearheaded an effort that led to nearly 200 school boards passing resolutions urging the state and federal government to fully fund special education*
- Pushing for a stable general education funding increase to help all students succeed
- Leading the process to align World's Best Workplace to the Every Student Succeeds Act
- Fighting against costly mandates