



2025 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mission Statement our core purpose

Excellence, Equity, Empowerment.
Every student, Every day.



Funding

General Education Formula

- Advocate for inflation-adjusted increases and a 10-year plan to close funding gaps.
- Increase funding for counselors

Mandates

- Allow districts to levy for unemployment insurance, paid family leave, and cybersecurity expenses.
- Expand Long-Term Facilities Maintenance eligibility to include cybersecurity

Special Education

- Special Education: Reduce cross-subsidy to support equitable funding.

Career & Technical Education

- Increase local funding to 50%, expand equipment flexibility, and include middle school programs in levies.

Local Control

- Allow greater flexibility in funding uses



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Teacher Recruitment & Retention

- Expand student loan forgiveness and adjust teacher retirement age.
- Support “Grow Your Own” programs and alternative licensure pathways.
- Increase grants, scholarships, and incentives for teacher prep completion.

Student Mental Health

- Provide resources for caregiver support and SEL/mental health training for staff.
- Support culturally appropriate mental health education to meet diverse student needs.

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