



MESPA Supports Professional Principal Leadership

Strong, effective leadership is best achieved by the assignment of a full-time, licensed principal in each elementary and middle-level school site. Principals are responsible for quality education programs, teacher evaluation, staff development, parent involvement, school safety, and a positive school climate.

Sustainable Funding

MESPA supports full funding for:

- ◆ Increasing the foundation aid formula by 2.5% each year of the biennium
- ◆ Relief from TRA early retirement penalties
- ◆ Technology for 21st century schools, including appropriate broadband capacity
- ◆ Special education student services, reducing cross-subsidy
- ◆ High-quality, school-based, early learning Pre-K programs
- ◆ Principal leadership development focused on school improvement

MESPA opposes the use of vouchers in any form for public or non-public schools.

Positive Learning Environment for Students and Teachers

MESPA supports:

- ◆ Serving and supporting the mental health needs of children
- ◆ Safe, secure, updated, and manageable facilities suited to student learning
- ◆ Providing additional supports for students through school counselors, social workers, nurses, and psychologists
- ◆ Modification of the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act to ensure appropriate discipline of students, including the removal of the “willful” standard
- ◆ Enhanced professional development for principals on the issues of equity and diversity

MESPA is a professional association made up of 950 Minnesota elementary and middle-level principals dedicated to the academic success and realization of every child's potential.

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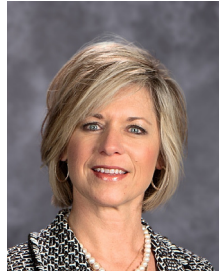
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