



Parents United for Public Schools

Advocating for public schools

- www.parentsunited.org/Advocacy.html
 - Why Advocate?
 - Know the Issues
 - Know the Players
 - Know the Process
 - Know the Rules

Organizing at the local level

- www.parentsunited.org/Organizing.html
 - Getting Started
 - Be a Parent Liaison
 - Form a Parent-Citizen Group

 - ✓ **Directory of Parent-Citizen Groups in MN**
 - ✓ **Sample guiding documents, legislative committee of the (school) board**
 - ✓ **Start a Local PTA Unit**

 - Create an Action Plan
 - Build a Coalition
 - Mobilize Your Community
 - School Levies

From school levies to the state legislature, letters from parents
www.parentsunited.org/2007LevyLetters.html

 - Keep the Momentum
 - Organizing Tools
 - Organizations
(MN Parent-Citizen Groups, Education Organizations and others working to support Minnesota public schools)

Communicating with the general public, the media and your elected officials

- www.parentsunited.org/Communicating.html
 - Call
 - Write
 - Meet
 - Speak
 - Vote

 - ✓ **Election 08**
 - ✓ **Get Out the Vote!**
 - ✓ **Legislative Scorecards**
 - ✓ **Election Resources**
 - How to organize a candidate forum
 - Archive of candidate questions
 - ✓ **Multicultural Election Information**

Minnesota PTA

Minnesota PTA Speaks for Children

- www.mnpta.org/AdvocacyTeam.html
 - Action Alerts
 - Legislative Platform
 - Advocacy Training
 - More resources...

Start a Local PTA Unit

- www.mnpta.org/Start_a_PTA.html

National PTA

Grass Roots Advocacy for parents

- www.pta.org/ia_category_details_1141749315187.html
 - PTA Grassroots Advocacy Toolkit
 - What is Lobbying?
 - Why Lobby? Ten Reasons
 - Say it Well
 - What PTAs Can Do Around Elections
 - Hosting a Candidates Forum
 - PTA Voter Guide 2008

Schools for Equity in Education

- www.schoolsforequity.org

Parent Legislative Networks (drop down)

 - How SEE Can Help
 - Suggestions for Effective Lobbying

Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Parent Lobbying Resources

- www.amsd.org/parents.html
 - Parent Lobbying Packet
 - AMSD Voter's Guide
 - AMSD Candidate Questionnaire
 - Building Advocacy From the Ground Up
 - Navigating the Legislative Website

Minnesota Rural Education Association

- www.mnrea.org