

We carry them,
Then they carry us.

It's a pretty simple equation.



A Final Wrap-Up: Let's Celebrate!

June 4, 2016

- What happened this session?
- What changes will we see in our schools?
- What does ESSA mean for Minnesota?
- What have we accomplished together over 14 years?

**Great schools
begin at the
ballot box!**

Today's slides and video are available at parentsunited.org. Please download any information you find helpful. The site will remain accessible but will not be managed or updated after June 30, 2016.

We are so very proud to have served the public school students and families of Minnesota, and will be eternally grateful for the contributions that parents and concerned people like you have made to this important work. Thank you.



PARENTS UNITED
FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Parents United has worked since 2002 to help parents and other concerned Minnesotans understand that what happens at the Capitol affects outcomes within each and every classroom.

We have grown a statewide group of concerned people knowledgeable about education policy and funding. Across Minnesota, Parents United has impacted the public understanding of the role of government in our classrooms.

We have held legislators accountable. Parents United has played a notable role in the decades-long battle to increase funding to schools and to focus attention on policies that serve our schools and our students.

We have significantly improved the environment to better allow public schools to flourish. Minnesota has elected legislators from both sides of the aisle that publicly admit Minnesota has underfunded schools for decades. Now they need to be pushed toward adequate, stable and sustainable funding.

We have insisted that parents have a place at the table where education policy is made. Your work has just begun.

We are excited to see this work continue through groups including but not limited to the excellent organizations listed here.

Please understand most groups filter legislative information, as every organization has a different lens.

- As you seek new resources, always think critically about their funding sources.
- We highly recommend watching Twitter #mnleg for up-to-the-minute legislative information.
- Subscribe to **Session Weekly** for bipartisan news from the Minnesota House.
- For federal legislation, we recommend **Alliance for Excellent Education** all4ed.org.

Organizations offering legislative updates

Association of Metropolitan School Districts
AMSD.org

Minnesota Rural Education Association mnrea.org

Minnesota School Boards Association
www.mnmsba.org

Schools for Equity in Education
schoolsforequity.org

Organizations engaging in community advocacy

African Immigrant Services aisfotl.org

Decoding Dyslexia decodingdyslexiamn.org

Growth and Justice growthandjustice.org

ISAIAH isaiahmn.org

League of Women Voters-Minnesota lwvmn.org

Minnesota Budget Project mnbudgetproject.org

Minnesota Education Equity Project mneep.org

Minnesota Humanities Center

minnesotahumanities.org

Minnesota PTA mnpta.org

North Star Policy Institute northstartpolicy.org

PACER CENTER pacer.org

Pan Asian Voice for Equity-MN

pavemn.wordpress.com

Search Institute search-institute.org

The Arc arcgreatertwincities.org

Think Small thinksmall.org

Voices for Racial Justice voicesforracialjustice.org

