



## **MAAP STARS LEGISLATIVE DAY**

*The STARS Come Out At The Capitol!*

**Who:** MAAP Programs/Schools Students and Staff

**When:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017

**Where:** House Office Building Room 500 South

Over the years, MAAP has been pro-active and successful in promoting legislation favorable to a variety of learning alternatives. Already this year, our organization has begun working with legislators regarding some of the key issues and concerns that are spelled out in the attached Legislative Platform. We encourage you to review this document with your students.

However, the goal of the **MAAP STARS** Legislative Day is for the students to visit their legislators and “tell their stories”. By students meeting with their legislators, they will help promote their schools and programs and give the students a better understanding of the legislative process. I have attached a copy of a sample letter or e-mail that could be used for contacting your legislators

Since you serve students from various locations, you will want to make finding out which representatives to contact into a lesson for your students. You can simply have the students do a web search "How to locate your Minnesota Legislators". The web address is: [www.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.leg.state.mn.us). At this site, your students will find all sorts of information about their Legislative and Congressional Members. There is a link "About the Legislature" with a lead to "Who Represents Me?" Students can type in their home address and it sends them directly to the names of the people they'll want to contact to set up appointments for February 22, 2017. From this site, you can also get the representatives' phone number, email or direct mailing addresses.

If you prefer to call, the General Information phone number for the Capitol is: [651-296-8336](tel:651-296-8336). The House phone is: [651-296-2146](tel:651-296-2146). The Senate members can be reached by calling [651-296-0504](tel:651-296-0504).

Below is the agenda for this year's **MAAP STARS** Legislative Day, Room 500 South:

**WEDNESDAY, February 22**

**AGENDA**

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM            Welcome, introductions of **STARS** Officers and Special Guests

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM            Individual appointments, capitol tours and lunch (on your own)

Plan on a full day! This will be an excellent opportunity to do some public relations for your schools and programs. Bring a camera to get pictures for your school district and/or local paper. Make sure that you follow-up when you get back home with “thank you” letters to your Senators and Representatives. I would also encourage you to have your students write brief summary articles that we can submit to the MAAP newsletter.

Please send the following information to me by **Monday, February 20, 2017.**

Program \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Students \_\_\_\_\_  
(A limit of five students per advisor is suggested)

P.S. If you are unable to attend **MAAP STARS** Legislative Day, please make every effort to reach your Legislators at another time so they get to know about your school/program. Invite them to visit your school, to meet your students, staff and parents, to attend any special events you have during the school year and maybe even be a speaker at your graduation ceremony.

Thanks,

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