



MAAP STARS LEGISLATIVE DAY

The STARS Come Out At The Capitol!

Who: MAAP Programs/Schools Students and Staff

When: Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Where: State 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/programs and give the students a better understanding of the legislative process. You will find a sample letter or e-mail that could be used for contacting your legislators. Everyone will make their own appointments with your legislators. We will meet as a **whole group at 9 a.m. in the State Office Building, Room 500 South.**

Since you serve students from various locations, you will want to make finding out which representatives to contact into a lesson for your students. Have the students look online "How to locate your Minnesota Legislators". The address is: 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 27, 2019. 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 ~

WEDNESDAY, February 27

AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Welcome, introductions of STARS Officers and Special Guests
in the State Office Building, Room 500 South**
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 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 comments or articles that we can submit to Steve Allen for the MAAP Newsletter.

Please send the following information to me by **Monday, February 25, 2019.**

Program _____ Advisor(s) _____

Email address _____ Cell # _____

Expected Number of Students _____

(A limit of five students per advisor is suggested since offices usually are small)

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, or to attend any special events you have during the school year and maybe even be a speaker at your graduation ceremony.

Thanks for engaging your students in the legislative process!

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