

****MAAP STARS Legislative Day at the Capitol: February 19, 2020****

State Capitol: 75 Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155

State Office Building: 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155

Houses the MN Representatives *We will be using Room 500 South from 9am – 1:30pm*

Minnesota Senate Building: 95 University Avenue W, St. Paul, Mn 55155

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Each school sets its own agenda for the day based upon the meetings you schedule with the legislators for your district and what you want your day to be. We want students to have the chance to tell their educational story including why they are in an alternative setting. We want to give students the opportunity to see their government in action.

General Agenda

9:00 a.m. Opening Session: Room 500 South State Office Building

Schools check in and be introduced. Large Group Meeting lead by the MAAP STARS State Officers, listen to Guest Speakers

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Professional Educator Licensing & Standards Board Meeting (PELSB) with students who want to give input {OPTIONAL}

Meeting in Room 500 South with PELSB Committee members; they are seeking input from students on what they expect of a good teacher (see next page)

Options:

*Individual meetings with legislators (A Sample letter is on the MAAP website)

*Free Tour of the Capitol: call 651-259-3003; 1-844-667-8679

*Lunch Is On Your Own: Transportation Building Cafeteria, Lower level of the Capitol, Nearby fast food, Bag lunches

*Sit in on hearings and/or Committee Meetings going on (see Daily Schedule for details)

***There is a meeting room reserved in the State Capitol from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in using it, contact Patti Haasch for the details (pjhaasch@yahoo.com); 612-751-2490)*

You can find lots of information about the Minnesota Legislature on its website. The website address: www.leg.state.mn.us It will tell you who represents you, how to reach them, bills they are involved with, Committees they are on, etc.

Check the MAAP website for more details about Legislative Day under the MAAP STARS tab. MAAP website address is: www.maapmn.org

OPTIONAL: PELSB Meeting ~ Discussion Questions to Guide the students

1. Think about your favorite teacher – tell me about them. Why was that teacher effective?
2. What qualities matter most in a teacher?
 - a. Their understanding of the subject matter (i.e., history, science, etc.)?
 - b. Their communication style?
 - c. Their day-to-day lesson plans?
 - d. Their ability to encourage problem solving? Develop new skills?
3. Is it important to you that a teacher knows how to use different teaching strategies such as: lecturing, discussion, projects, presentations, guest speakers, technology?
4. How do you like to receive feedback from your teachers? In person? In writing? With or without your parents?
5. Is it important to you that your teachers understand the implications of privilege, race, gender, and institutional inequalities?
6. What is one thing you wish all teachers did more of?

You are attending an alternative setting: Area Learning Center, Alternative Program, Charter School, a School-Within-A School, etc.

What makes it a good learning environment for you?

How are the teachers different from other schools you have attended?

What else would you like the PELSB Committee to know about your thoughts of what makes a good teacher?

