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MSBA's Mission:
Support, promote, and
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MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

July 1, 2009

TO: Minnesota Charter School Governing Boards

FROM: Bob Meeks, Executive Director
Minnesota School Boards Association

I would like to take this opportunity to invite your charter school governing board to join the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA). Our members receive technical assistance, access to programs that save schools money, the latest research, and board development programs.

MSBA is a private, nonprofit corporation founded in 1920. Membership is authorized by statute, and voluntary membership consists of the independent school districts in Minnesota. MSBA also serves a large number of charter schools and cooperatives throughout the state.

MSBA participants receive a biweekly newsletter (the Boardcaster), a bimonthly magazine (the Journal), research bulletins, legislative updates via the Web, a legislative hotline, and a monthly Management Services Newsletter obtainable on our website. A service fee of \$615 for charter schools has been established by the MSBA Board of Directors. Payment of this fee will allow your charter school and governing board members to access the services outlined above. Payment of the fee covers participation from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010.

In addition, MSBA participants have access to insurance products and services offered through MSBA Insurance Trusts-endorsed insurers and their agents to eligible schools and investment options through the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus (MSDLAF+).

MSBA participants may also subscribe to the Policy Service which includes policy revisions to keep your charter school in compliance with current law and to allow access to all model policies from the MSBA (www.mnmsba.org). MSBA's policy consultants are available to answer questions about policy issues. If you are not a member of Policy Services, please call us for more information at 800-324-4459.

In its continuing effort to assist its members in achieving cost-efficiencies, MSBA has endorsed PaySchools, an electronic payment processing system that enables districts to receive school-related fees from parents via electronic check, credit or debit card. MSBA has also created a partnership, the MSBA Playground Compliance Program (MPCP), with the National Playground Compliance Group, LLC. You can also access further information about PaySchools and MPCP on our website at www.mnmsba.org.

We welcome the opportunity to serve your charter school and to work with you to meet your special needs and interests. If you are interested in joining MSBA, complete the enclosed form and return it to MSBA along with payment of the service fee.

Please call the MSBA office if you have any questions.

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