MSBA Idea Exchange  This session will only be presented once from 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.
Northland Ballroom
Katie Klanderud, MSBA Director of Board Development
Do you wonder how other school districts operate? Do you have a challenge that you need help solving? This interactive session will allow attendees to seek perspectives and advice from other school board members. Come prepared with questions and to move around the ballroom. Key insights and takeaways will be shared at the end of the session.

Break - 2:45 - 3:00 p.m. - Northland Foyer

Early Literacy Immersion and Optimization!
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Northland Ballroom

Eric Litwin, Scholastic author of the best-selling original four Pete the Cat books and co-author of The Power of Joyful Reading.

In this fun presentation, best-selling author Eric Litwin shares how we help prepare early childhood students for successful reading instruction by immersing them in joyful and engaging early language and reading experiences throughout the day. This transforms our classrooms into “reading playgrounds” where children read along to, sing to, dance to, and celebrate sounds, letters, words, and texts. Also explore how joyful engagement with language and reading helps promote social emotional wellbeing for our students.

Author Meet and Greet - 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Northland Ballroom
Eric will be available after his keynote address to meet with attendees for photos and to answer questions.

Thank you to the sponsors to the 2023 Summer Leadership Seminar.

Evaluation
We value your input and strive to make each event a valuable learning experience. Attendees will be sent an evaluation e-mail shortly after the close of the Summer Leadership Seminar to provide feedback or scan this QR code.
Monday, August 7

Registration/Continental Breakfast - 8:00 a.m. - Northland Foyer

Welcome - 8:30 a.m. - Northland Ballroom Linda Leiding, MSBA Board President, School Board Member, Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial

The Science of Reading: What Every Leader Needs to Know
8:30 - 9:30 a.m. - Northland Ballroom

Kim Gibbons, Ph.D., Director, Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement, University of Minnesota

There has been much attention paid to early reading, the science of reading, dyslexia, and literacy at the state policy level in recent years. This presentation will cover the research on the science of reading and the role school boards can play in ensuring all students are receiving the reading and literacy instruction they need.

Break - 9:30 - 9:45 a.m. - Northland Foyer

MSBA Update - 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. - Northland Ballroom

The READ Act Legislation - 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. - Northland Ballroom

Kirk Schneidawind, MSBA Executive Director; Representative Heather Edelson (DFL), District 50A; Senator Zach Duckworth (R), District 57

Kirk Schneidawind will lead a discussion about the story behind the READ Act, the importance of stakeholder involvement and working collaboratively across the aisle.

Panel Discussion: Where Do We Go From Here?
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Northland Ballroom

Katie Pekel, Ed.D., Panel Facilitator, Director of Educational Leadership, University of Minnesota; Julie Domogalla, MSBA Board of Directors, School Board Member, East Central Schools; Melissa Sonnek, Assistant Superintendent, Roseville Area Schools; Thor Didrikson, School Board Member, Roseau School District

We know the importance of literacy, though how we work as a state and individual school systems will require knowledge, strategic intent, and ongoing support.

Lunch - 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Minnesota Ballroom

Afternoon Breakout Sessions
1:00 - 2:40 p.m. - First Floor Meeting Rooms

Choose two of five 45-minute sessions that provide information on the following topics. Sessions are 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. and 1:55 - 2:40 p.m.

Therapy Animals Helping Children Love to Read
Arbor Lakes

Gwen Riedl, “Read with Me” Library Coordinator, North Star Therapy Animals; Wendy Hitch and Getty, and Diane Glenny and Dora, North Star Therapy Animals

North Star Therapy Dogs has been providing dogs and other companion animals to “listen” to children read across the state of Minnesota since 2003. Reading therapy dogs have been specially trained by their handlers to sit with children, as they read aloud. This session will highlight the “Read with Me” program, the results of the program and how you could use this program in your school districts.

Assessment and Data to Transform Teaching and Learning, from the Minnesota Department of Education
Hennepin Salon 1

Kendra Olsen, MDE, Assessment and Data Literacy Specialist

Come learn about the statewide assessments students take, what the results mean, and how the results are intended to be used. Resources from the Testing 1, 2, 3 website will be provided, as part of our ongoing Minnesota Data and Assessment Literacy project aimed at supporting educational leaders to use assessment and data to transform teaching and learning.

The World’s Best Workforce and your Strategic Plan
Hennepin Salon 3

Gail Gilman, MSBA Director of Strategic Planning and Board Leadership; Mike Domin, MSBA Board of Directors and Past President, School Board Member, Crosby-Ironton School District; Dr. Jamie Skjeveland, Ed.D., Superintendent, Crosby-Ironton School District

Board members are responsible for ensuring the school’s goals are met. The World’s Best Workforce (WBWF) was developed to ensure that school districts enhance student achievement through teaching and learning supports. Learn how Board-Superintendent Teams can successfully accomplish this requirement.

Fahrenheit 2023: Book Challenges, Censorship, and the First Amendment
Elm Creek

Timothy Sullivan, Ratwik, Rosak & Maloney, P.A.

This presentation focuses upon a growing area of constitutional law: book challenges. Topics discussed include applicable case law, recent court decisions, and best practices for school boards.