



Your Membership Supports

The MN Association of Charter Schools (MACS) is a non-profit membership association created by charter schools in 1994 to be the public policy voice and facilitator of collective services for Minnesota's Charter School Community.

Membership in the Association is an investment in Minnesota's Charter School Community and your school's future.

Given that we are financed primarily through dues, the Association has the freedom and independence to set its own agenda— not that of outside organizations or interests.

The Association's staff is here to provide your school support and technical assistance on chartering, governance, leadership, human resource management, and advocate for the charter school agenda at the state and federal levels.



Advocacy - Public Policy Voice of Charter Schools

The Association provides:

- **Experienced & Professional Representation/Lobbying at the MN Legislature**
- Assistance in Creating & Maintaining Relationships with Local Legislators
- Public Policy Statements on Significant Charter & Education Issues
- Training on the Legislative & Political Processes
- Legislative Updates & Action Alerts
- **Opportunities to Shape & Vote on Legislative Platform**
- Charter School Representation on State Panels



School Leader & Human Resource Support & Assistance

The Association provides:

- **Technical Assistance on Leadership & Human Resource Management Issues**
- Human Resource/Leadership Resources
- Free Career/Job Posting on MACS Website
- Charter School Compensation Survey – *biennially*
- Charter School Leadership Survey – *biennially*
- **New Charter Director Cohort: Support and guidance for success**



Board Governance Support & Assistance

The Association provides:

- **Basic & Ongoing Board Training Courses/Seminars**
- Technical Assistance on Board Operations & Evaluation for Boards
- Board Governance Resources
- Sample Board Policies



Networking Events

The Association Provides:

- **Quarterly Regional School Director/Administrator Meetings**
- MACS Annual Membership Meeting
- Opportunities to Serve on the Association's Work Groups and Committees
- Charter Director Social Hours



Re-Licensure Service for Teachers & Administrators

The Association provides:

- **A Discount Processing Fee for Teachers and Administrators**
- A Discount Registration Fee for the On-line *Mental Health Course*



Information, Research & Recognitions

The Association provides:

- An Authorizer Expenditure Report –*published annually*
- School & Authorizer Directories - *published annually*
- **A Primer on Minnesota Charter Schools**
- Innovation Awards & Innovation Convocation - *annually*
- Board Governance, Charter Champion, & Pioneer Awards

Member Testimonials

"Without MACS as a resource, I know my job would be much more challenging and prone to mistakes."

Todd Lyscio, Executive Director,
Crosslake Community School—Crosslake

"In addition to legislative advocacy, I believe that I get advice and networking opportunities from MACS that directly pertain to my job as a charter school director."

Tracy Quarnstrom, Executive Director,
TRIO Wolf Creek Distance Learning Charter School—Lindstrom

"We belong to MACS because we are stronger together than we are apart."

- Nancy Dana, Executive Director,
Saint Paul City School—St. Paul

"MACS' work at the Legislature stands out as one of the most important things they do."

- Cara Quinn, Executive Director,
Community of Peace Academy—St. Paul

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