

Form **990**

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2013**

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**A** For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2013** and ending **JUN 30, 2014**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><b>MINNESOTA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL FORUM</b></div> Doing Business As <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  <b>445 MINNESOTA STREET 505</b></div> City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><b>ST. PAUL, MN 55101-5000</b></div> F Name and address of principal officer: <b>TIMOTHY BENZ</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><b>SAME AS C ABOVE</b></div>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"><b>41-1267531</b></div> <b>E</b> Telephone number <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"><b>651-297-6716</b></div> <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>793,790.</b> <b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)( ) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527 <b>J</b> Website: ▶ <b>WWW.MISF.ORG</b> <b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶ <b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>1976</b> <b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>MN</b>		

Part I Summary				
<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>MISF IS THE LARGEST ORGANIZATION SERVING INDEPENDENT AND PRIVATE K-12 EDUCATION IN MINNESOTA. MISF</b>		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	18	
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	17	
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2013 (Part V, line 2a)	5	
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	63	
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0.	
	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	0.	
<b>Revenue</b>	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	819,024.	643,138.
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	129,063.	149,916.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	396.	735.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	221.	1.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	948,704.	793,790.
<b>Expenses</b>	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	200,312.	159,129.
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	392,897.	479,673.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	16,750.	0.
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>53,210.</b>		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	251,009.	218,980.
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	860,968.	857,782.
	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	87,736.	-63,992.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	506,252.	457,076.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	129,410.	144,226.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	376,842.	312,850.

Part II Signature Block			
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.			
<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"><b>TIMOTHY BENZ, PRESIDENT</b></div> Type or print name and title	Date	
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>ASHLEY C. REHN, CPA</b>	Date <b>02/04/15</b>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> PTIN <b>P00965922</b>
	Firm's name ▶ <b>REDPATH AND COMPANY, LTD.</b>	Firm's EIN ▶ <b>41-0975573</b>	
	Firm's address ▶ <b>4810 WHITE BEAR PARKWAY WHITE BEAR LAKE, MN 55110</b>	Phone no. <b>651-426-7000</b>	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Part III** Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

☒ X

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

MISF'S MISSION IS "STRENGTHENING MINNESOTA'S K-12 INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS THROUGH ADVOCACY AND ADVANCEMENT." WE ARE THE LARGEST ORGANIZATION SERVING THE NEEDS OF INDEPENDENT AND PRIVATE K-12 SCHOOLS IN MINNESOTA.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 231,282. including grants of \$ 137,729.) (Revenue \$ 10,222.)

THE MISF STEM PROGRAM, NOW IN ITS 8TH YEAR, ENCOURAGES AND SUPPORTS MISF MEMBERS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO INTRODUCE AND ENHANCE STEM EDUCATION IN THEIR SCHOOLS. THE PROGRAM HAS THREE MAJOR COMPONENTS: 1) AN ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEACHER SEMINAR. ON AUGUST 15, 2013, 220 MATH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY TEACHERS, ALONG WITH SEVERAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND SPECIAL GUESTS ATTENDED THE 2013 MISF STEM TEACHER SEMINAR HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS. PIONEERING ENGINEERING EDUCATOR, YVONNE NG, KICKED OFF THE DAY BY DESCRIBING THE EIGHT TRAITS OF AN ENGINEER THAT TEACHERS CAN IDENTIFY AND NURTURE IN CHILDREN THUS LEADING THEM TO SATISFYING AND PRODUCTIVE STEM CAREERS. TWENTY BREAKOUT SESSIONS, TAILORED SPECIFICALLY FOR EDUCATORS IN GRADES K-4, 5-8 AND 9-12, COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS. THANKS TO THE

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 113,965. including grants of \$ 20,000.) (Revenue \$ 125,363.)

MISF MEMBERSHIP GREW TO 150 SCHOOLS SERVING 31,572 STUDENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2014. OUT OF THE TOTAL MEMBER SCHOOLS, 75 SERVE ELEMENTARY GRADES (K-8), 20 SCHOOLS SERVE HIGH SCHOOL GRADES ONLY (9-12), AND 46 SCHOOLS SERVE A COMBINATION THAT INCLUDE SECONDARY GRADES (K-12, 6-12, ETC.).

DURING 2013-14, MISF HELD ELEVEN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS SERVING A TOTAL OF NEARLY 400 INDIVIDUALS FROM THE STATE'S K-12 PRIVATE AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS. FOUR OF THE WORKSHOPS FOCUSED ON DEVELOPMENT, THREE FOCUSED ON ADMISSIONS/MARKETING, AND MISF LAUNCHED FOUR NEW WORKSHOPS THAT ADDRESSED TECHNOLOGY.

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 50,719. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 5,125.)

APPROXIMATELY 320 GUESTS ATTENDED THE 2014 PRIVATE AND INDEPENDENT EDUCATION AWARDS CELEBRATION HELD IN WOLFE ALUMNI HALL ON THE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS (ST. PAUL). THIS WAS MISF'S SIXTH ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION. MISF PRESENTED 42 AWARDS, INCLUDING 30 STEM GRANTS TOTALING NEARLY \$125,000 AND THE 2014 HONOR TEACHER WINNERS (ONE GRADE K-8 TEACHER; ONE GRADE 9-12 TEACHER).

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ 94,628. including grants of \$ 1,400.) (Revenue \$ 9,206.)

4e Total program service expenses 490,594.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	X	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a <b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If so, complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1		X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		
36 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?	X	

**Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

**Part V** Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	5	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	X	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	5	
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	X	
<b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)				
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		X
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
<b>7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>				
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		X
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		X
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		
8	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
<b>9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>				
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
<b>10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:</b>				
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b		
<b>11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:</b>				
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b		
<b>12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?				
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b		
<b>13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>				
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	13a		
<b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.				
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b		

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

☒**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	1a	1b	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year ..... If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.	18			
<b>b</b> Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent .....		17		
<b>2</b> Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? .....			2	X
<b>3</b> Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? .....			3	X
<b>4</b> Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? .....			4	X
<b>5</b> Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? .....			5	X
<b>6</b> Did the organization have members or stockholders? .....			6	X
<b>7a</b> Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? .....			7a	X
<b>b</b> Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? .....			7b	X
<b>8</b> Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
<b>a</b> The governing body? .....			8a	X
<b>b</b> Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? .....			8b	X
<b>9</b> Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O .....			9	X

**Section B. Policies** (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
<b>10a</b> Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? .....	10a	X
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? .....	10b	
<b>11a</b> Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? .....	11a	X
<b>b</b> Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. ....		
<b>12a</b> Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 .....	12a	X
<b>b</b> Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? .....	12b	X
<b>c</b> Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done .....	12c	X
<b>13</b> Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? .....	13	X
<b>14</b> Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? .....	14	X
<b>15</b> Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
<b>a</b> The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official .....	15a	X
<b>b</b> Other officers or key employees of the organization .....	15b	X
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
<b>16a</b> Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? .....	16a	X
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? .....	16b	

**Section C. Disclosure**

**17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **MN**

**18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.  
☒ Own website    ☐ Another's website    ☒ Upon request    ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

**19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

**20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ►  
**THE ORGANIZATION - 651-297-6716**  
**445 MINNESOTA STREET, NO. 505, ST PAUL, MN 55101-5000**

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** directors or trustees that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) DOUG JAEGER CHAIRPERSON	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) JOEL LANDSKROENER VICE CHAIRPERSON	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) GREG ANKLAM SECRETARY	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) GREG MARGARIT TREASURER	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) JAMES FIELD PRESIDENT (THROUGH 6/30/14)	40.00	X		X				110,448.	0.	10,800.
(6) JENNIFER CASSIDY BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) RANDY KROLL BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) MEGAN SADOWSKI BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) MALCOLM MCDONALD BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) JON THEOBALD BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) DR. BOB TIFT BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) DR. GENE PFEIFER BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) KELLY REGAN BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) PHIL PAQUETTE BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(15) GREG CHAMBERLAIN BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) JIM FLAHERTY BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(17) DONNA HARRIS BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.





**Part VIII** Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	1 a	Federated campaigns .....	1a				
	b	Membership dues .....	1b				
	c	Fundraising events .....	1c				
	d	Related organizations .....	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions) .....	1e				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above .....	1f	643,138.			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$ .....		10,236.			
	h	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f .....		643,138.			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	2 a	MEMBERSHIP DUES .....	Business Code 611710	121,513.	121,513.		
	b	PROGRAM REVENUE .....	611710	28,403.	28,403.		
	c	.....					
	d	.....					
	e	.....					
	f	All other program service revenue .....					
	g	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f .....		149,916.			
	<b>Other Revenue</b>	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) .....		735.		
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds .....					
5		Royalties .....					
6 a		Gross rents .....	(i) Real (ii) Personal				
b		Less: rental expenses .....					
c		Rental income or (loss) .....					
d		Net rental income or (loss) .....					
7 a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory .....	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
b		Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses .....					
c		Gain or (loss) .....					
d		Net gain or (loss) .....					
8 a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 .....	a				
b		Less: direct expenses .....	b				
c		Net income or (loss) from fundraising events .....					
9 a		Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 .....	a				
b		Less: direct expenses .....	b				
c		Net income or (loss) from gaming activities .....					
10 a		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances .....	a				
b		Less: cost of goods sold .....	b				
c		Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory .....					
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code				
11 a	OTHER INCOME .....	611710	1.			1.	
b	.....						
c	.....						
d	All other revenue .....						
e	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d .....		1.				
12	<b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions. ....		793,790.	149,916.	0.	736.	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21	159,129.	159,129.		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	128,475.	64,238.	50,105.	14,132.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	239,502.	92,650.	124,885.	21,967.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	23,199.	9,848.	11,085.	2,266.
9 Other employee benefits	59,301.	24,281.	29,433.	5,587.
10 Payroll taxes	29,196.	12,448.	13,884.	2,864.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	16,172.		16,172.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	63,685.	42,785.	20,900.	
12 Advertising and promotion	1,093.	302.	791.	
13 Office expenses	31,768.	14,092.	14,939.	2,737.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	29,820.	12,714.	14,181.	2,925.
17 Travel	4,470.	3,782.	316.	372.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	49,791.	47,429.	2,022.	340.
20 Interest	8,290.		8,290.	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	3,215.		3,215.	
23 Insurance	2,124.		2,124.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a MEMBERSHIP DUES & SUBSR	6,999.	5,363.	1,616.	20.
b PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMEN	1,553.	1,533.	20.	
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	857,782.	490,594.	313,978.	53,210.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

**Part X Balance Sheet**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....		<b>1</b>	
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....	391,102.	<b>2</b>	315,451.
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....	84,168.	<b>3</b>	96,303.
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....	200.	<b>4</b>	2,300.
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L .....		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	9,703.	<b>9</b>	14,122.
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	<b>10a</b> 37,025.		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b> 27,945.	<b>10c</b>	9,080.
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets .....		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....	12,764.	<b>15</b>	19,820.
<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....	506,252.	<b>16</b>	457,076.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	12,636.	<b>17</b>	27,635.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable .....		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....	4,010.	<b>19</b>	5,830.
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....	100,000.	<b>23</b>	90,941.
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D .....	12,764.	<b>25</b>	19,820.
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	129,410.	<b>26</b>	144,226.
	<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>		
<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets .....		57,401.	<b>27</b>	39,871.
<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets .....		319,441.	<b>28</b>	272,979.
<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets .....			<b>29</b>	
<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>				
<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....			<b>30</b>	
<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....			<b>31</b>	
<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....			<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> .....		376,842.	<b>33</b>	312,850.
<b>34</b> <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> .....	506,252.	<b>34</b>	457,076.	

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**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	793,790.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	857,782.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-63,992.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	376,842.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	312,850.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☐

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	X
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? _____ If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	2c	X
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? _____	3a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits _____	3b	

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.  
**▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

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**Open to Public Inspection**

► Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Name of the organization

MINNESOTA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL FORUM

Employer identification number

41-1267531

**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)

3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_

5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)

6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

9 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)

10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.

a ☐ Type I      b ☐ Type II      c ☐ Type III - Functionally integrated      d ☐ Type III - Non-functionally integrated

e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box ☐

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? ☐

(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? ☐

(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? ☐

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

[illegible]

**LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2013

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....	1,280,634.	439,683.	548,313.	819,024.	643,138.	3,730,792.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
4 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 .....	1,280,634.	439,683.	548,313.	819,024.	643,138.	3,730,792.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) .....						1,684,714.
6 <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						2,046,078.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4 .....	1,280,634.	439,683.	548,313.	819,024.	643,138.	3,730,792.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources .....	450.	122.	6.	396.	735.	1,709.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) .....						
11 <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10 .....						3,732,501.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) .....					12	497,582.
13 <b>First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> .....						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) .....	14	54.82 %
15 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 .....	15	54.07 %
16a <b>33 1/3% support test - 2013.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b <b>33 1/3% support test - 2012.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a <b>10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2013.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
b <b>10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2012.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 <b>Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions .....		<input type="checkbox"/>

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2013

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose .....						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 .....						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5 .....						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons .....						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year .....						
c Add lines 7a and 7b .....						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6 .....						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources .....						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 .....						
c Add lines 10a and 10b .....						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) .....						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here .....						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

15 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 .....	16	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

17 Investment income percentage for 2013 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 .....	18	%

19a **33 1/3% support tests - 2013.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....

b **33 1/3% support tests - 2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....

20 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions .....

## Part IV

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12.

Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

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# Schedule B

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.  
▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and  
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# 2013

Name of the organization

MINNESOTA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL FORUM

Employer identification number

41-1267531

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☒ 501(c)( 3 ) (enter number) organization

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

## General Rule

☐ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

## Special Rules

☒ For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

☐ For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

☐ For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not total to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution.** An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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**Part I** **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>1</u>		\$ <u>42,476.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>2</u>		\$ <u>70,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>3</u>		\$ <u>16,500.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>4</u>		\$ <u>15,785.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>5</u>		\$ <u>171,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>6</u>		\$ <u>50,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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**MINNESOTA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL FORUM****41-1267531****Part I Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7		\$ 45,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8		\$ 60,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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**MINNESOTA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL FORUM****41-1267531****Part II Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

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**Part III** Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., individual contributions to section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations that total more than \$1,000 for the year. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once.) ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

**SCHEDULE C**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

- ▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
▶ **See separate instructions.** ▶ Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

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**Part I-A** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.

2 Political expenditures ..... ▶ \$

3 Volunteer hours ..... ▶

**Part I-B** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$

3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

4a Was a correction made? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

**Part I-C** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ..... ▶ \$

2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ..... ▶ \$

3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ..... ▶ \$

4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-

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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2013

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**Part II-A** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

**A** Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).

**B** Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) .....			
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....			
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) .....			
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures .....			
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....			
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.			
<b>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</b>	<b>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</b>		
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.		
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.		
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.		
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.		
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....			
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- .....			
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- .....			
<b>j</b> If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? .....			

☐ Yes ☐ No

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

**Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2013

**Part II-B** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes," response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?		X	
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	X		
c Media advertisements?		X	
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		X	
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		X	
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		X	
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	X		2,367.
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		X	
i Other activities?		X	
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			2,367.
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		X	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

**Part III-A** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

**Part III-B** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

**Part IV** Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, line 2; and Part II-B, line 1.

Also, complete this part for any additional information.

**PART II-B, LINE 1, LOBBYING ACTIVITIES:**

LOBBYING ACTIVITIES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2014 WERE

FOCUSED AT THE MINNESOTA STATE LEGISLATURE. MEETINGS WERE WITH STATE

REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS WHO SIT ON THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE

MN HOUSE AND SENATE. WE REPRESENT THE 470 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS IN

MINNESOTA. ISSUES AND PROPOSED LEGISLATION CONSIDERED WERE SCHOOL



**Part IV** Supplemental Information (continued)

BUSING AND SAFETY LAW, SCHOOL BULLYING PROPOSED LAW, ACCREDITATION LAW  
AND PROPOSED SCHOOL CHOICE LEGISLATION WHICH DID NOT MAKE IT THROUGH  
COMMITTEE.

**SCHEDULE D**  
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.  
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year .....		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year) .....		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year) .....		
4 Aggregate value at end of year .....		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**Part II Conservation Easements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements .....	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements .....	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) .....	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register .....	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ .....

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ .....

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? .....

☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ .....

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ .....

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? .....

☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 .....

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X .....

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 .....

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X .....

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items

(check all that apply):

a ☐ Public exhibitiond ☐ Loan or exchange programsb ☐ Scholarly researche ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_c ☐ Preservation for future generations

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets

to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

c Beginning balance

d Additions during the year

e Distributions during the year

f Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? ☐ Yes ☐ Nob If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII ☐**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

1a Beginning of year balance

b Contributions

c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses

d Grants or scholarships

e Other expenditures for facilities and programs

f Administrative expenses

g End of year balance

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a					
1b					
1c					
1d					
1e					
1f					
1g					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ☐ %b Permanent endowment ☐ %c Temporarily restricted endowment ☐ %

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? ☐

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
1b Buildings				
1c Leasehold improvements				
1d Equipment		31,719.	24,761.	6,958.
1e Other		5,306.	3,184.	2,122.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				9,080.

**Part VII Investments - Other Securities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives .....		
(2) Closely-held equity interests .....		
(3) Other .....		
(A) .....		
(B) .....		
(C) .....		
(D) .....		
(E) .....		
(F) .....		
(G) .....		
(H) .....		
<b>Total.</b> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) .....		
(2) .....		
(3) .....		
(4) .....		
(5) .....		
(6) .....		
(7) .....		
(8) .....		
(9) .....		
<b>Total.</b> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

**Part IX Other Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) .....	
(2) .....	
(3) .....	
(4) .....	
(5) .....	
(6) .....	
(7) .....	
(8) .....	
(9) .....	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PAYABLE	19,820.
(3) .....	
(4) .....	
(5) .....	
(6) .....	
(7) .....	
(8) .....	
(9) .....	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☒

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	795,790.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	2,000.
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	2,000.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	793,790.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	793,790.

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	859,782.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	2,000.
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	2,000.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	857,782.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	857,782.

**Part XIII Supplemental Information.**

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART X, LINE 2:

PART X, LINE 2: FASB ASC 740-10 PROVIDES THAT A TAX EXPENSE

OR BENEFIT FROM AN UNCERTAIN INCOME TAX POSITION (INCLUDING TAX-EXEMPT STATUS) MAY BE RECOGNIZED ONLY WHEN IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT THE POSITION WILL BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION BY TAXING AUTHORITIES.

MANAGEMENT BELIEVES MISF HAS NO UNCERTAIN INCOME TAX POSITIONS THAT WOULD RESULT IN AN ACCRUAL, EXPENSE OR BENEFIT UNDER THE MORE LIKELY THAN NOT STANDARD.

**SCHEDULE I**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990)

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**Part I** General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

**Part II** Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
ST. CROIX CATHOLIC 621 3RD ST SOUTH STILLWATER, MN 55082	41-1731931	501(C)(3)	7,475.	0.			STEM GRANT
BETHLEHEM ACADEMY 105 SW THIRD AVE FAIRBAULT, MN 55021	41-0705851	501(C)(3)	7,411.	0.			STEM GRANT
HOLY SPIRIT 515 S ALBERT ST ST PAUL, MN 55116	41-0705768	501(C)(3)	6,124.	0.			STEM GRANT
ST. CROIX LUTHERAN 1200 OAKDALE AVENUE WEST ST PAUL, MN 55118-2601	41-0842883	501(C)(3)	6,420.	0.			STEM GRANT
ST. PAUL PREPARATORY SCHOOL 380 JACKSON ST, SUITE 100 ST PAUL, MN 55101	45-0369642	501(C)(3)	8,640.	0.			STEM GRANT
TOTINO GRACE HIGH SCHOOL 1350 GARDENA AVENUE NE FRIDLEY, MN 55432	41-6049228	501(C)(3)	7,276.	0.			STEM GRANT

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 6.
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2013)

**Part III**

**Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.  
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance

**Part IV**

**Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

**PART I, LINE 2:**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH (STEM) GRANT FUNDS

ARE AWARDED TO MEMBER SCHOOLS EACH YEAR. SCHOOL HEADS SIGN AN

"ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF FUNDS/AGREEMENT TO USE FOR INTENDED

PURPOSES" FORM STATING THAT THEY AGREE TO ENSURE THAT THESE FUNDS ARE

EXPENDED AS DESCRIBED IN THEIR STEM GRANT APPLICATION AND BUDGET FORMS. BY

SIGNING THIS FORM THEY ALSO AGREE TO PRODUCE CURRICULUM DOCUMENTATION AND

SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR TO SHOW HOW FUNDS WERE

USED.

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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**FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:**

HELPS INFORM LAWMAKERS, POLICY MAKERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE  
CONTRIBUTIONS THAT INDEPENDENT EDUCATION MAKES TO OUR STATE AND  
SOCIETY. RELATIONSHIPS ARE BUILT WITH DONORS TO SUPPORT TARGETED  
PROGRAMS, AND MEMBER SCHOOLS ARE PROVIDED WITH PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT, RESOURCES, STEM EDUCATION, CONNECTIONS AND EXPERTISE IN  
CRITICAL DISCIPLINES.

**FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

GENEROSITY OF THIS YEAR'S SEMINAR SPONSORS OVER \$8,000 IN DOOR PRIZES  
WERE GIVEN AWAY TO ATTENDEES. 2) FACILITATED ACCESS TO COMMUNITY  
RESOURCES IN STEM EDUCATION SUCH AS THE SCIENCE MUSEUM OF MINNESOTA'S  
SCIENCE HOUSE. FIFTY-FOUR TEACHERS FROM 19 MISF MEMBER SCHOOLS VISITED  
SCIENCE HOUSE 178 TIMES FROM SEPTEMBER 2013 THROUGH MAY 2014. TEACHERS  
CHECKED OUT 727 SETS/ITEMS FROM THE SCIENCE HOUSE LIBRARY OF STEM  
CURRICULAR MATERIALS INCLUDING MODELS, SPECIMENS, EQUIPMENT, LESSON  
PLANS, MANIPULATIVES, AND MEDIA. 3) A GRANT PROGRAM FOR MEMBER  
SCHOOLS. ON MAY 13TH, AT THIS YEAR'S MINNESOTA PRIVATE AND INDEPENDENT  
EDUCATION AWARDS EVENT, MISF AWARDED 33 SCHOOLS OVER \$120,000 IN STEM  
GRANTS. TO DATE, MISF HAS AWARDED 105 GRANTS TOTALING \$554,342.

**FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:**

SCHOOL HEAD RETREAT: SIXTY-TWO (62) SCHOOL LEADERS AND ADMINISTRATORS  
FROM 47 MEMBER SCHOOLS ATTENDED MISF'S EIGHTH ANNUAL SCHOOL HEAD  
RETREAT HELD OCTOBER 1-2, 2013. A TOTAL OF NEARLY 95 PARTICIPANTS,  
INCLUDING SPEAKERS AND SPONSORS, PARTICIPATED.



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ADVOCACY: MISF INFORMS LAWMAKERS, POLICY MAKERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTIONS INDEPENDENT EDUCATION MAKES TO OUR STATE AND SOCIETY. IT ACTS AS A "WATCHDOG" TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC FUNDS EVERY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL AND THEIR STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE. MISF FURTHER ACTS AS A COLLECTIVE VOICE TO ADVANCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL INTERESTS AT THE LEGISLATURE, WITH STATE AGENTS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

EXPENSES \$ 94,628. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 1,400. REVENUE \$ 9,206.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B:

THERE ARE NO SUCH COMMITTEES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11:

THE FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE TREASURER, PRESIDENT AND BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE ORGANIZATION.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

BOARD MEMBERS COMPLETE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY UPON JOINING THE BOARD.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN USED AN OUTSIDE HUMAN RESOURCES CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT A 360 DEGREE PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT. FEEDBACK WAS GATHERED FROM VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURED AGAINST ANNUAL GOALS. MARKET DATA FOR SIMILAR NON-PROFIT ROLES WAS CONSIDERED; PAY ADJUSTMENT WAS DETERMINED BASED UPON BOTH MARKET DATA AND PERFORMANCE EVAL. PRESIDENT RECOMMENDED PAY ADJUSTMENTS FOR STAFF BASED

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UPON MARKET DATA AND PERFORMANCE EVALS. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR REVIEWED  
RECOMMENDATIONS WITH THE EXEC COMMITTEE FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE OR UPON REQUEST.