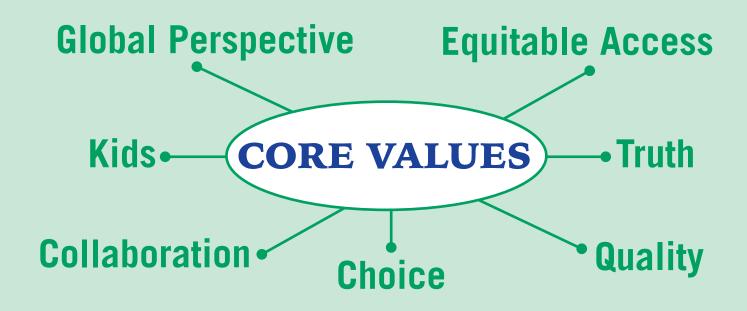
2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT



Mission:

To strengthen Minnesota's independent schools through advocacy and advancement.



Dear friends of Minnesota Independent School Forum:

We acknowledge and thank our generous funders, donors, sponsors and collaborative partners for the investment of time, talent and financial resources to support independent and private schools. This support is vital as we connect and convene a cohort of 155 member schools across Minnesota. We also thank our member schools, who prioritize their connection and involvement in a vast network of students, educators and leaders.

This year was very successful and illustrated a highly active and engaged membership. During the 2015-16 year:

- A record number of participants came to the STEM Education and School Leadership Conferences. More than 370 educators and school leaders attended these two events during August and September.
- Nearly 150 schools participated in the 2015 Statewide Census of Private Education (SCOPE) study. This effort is a comprehensive research project focused on independent and private education in Minnesota. Final report results will be released during fall 2016.
- More than 85% of our member schools engaged in at least one of our offerings during the year. Nearly 40% of our cohort accessed more than 3 offerings or resources during the year.

 More than \$129,000 in STEM grants were distributed to 33 schools. These grants provided funding for handson projects in our member schools across Minnesota.





- Through our Opportunity for All Kids (OAK) coalition, sig
 - nificant progress was made toward enhancing educational choice in Minnesota. We are committed to advancing these legislative priorities for the benefit of all students

Our sincere thanks to outgoing board members Greg Anklam, Jim Flaherty, Donna Harris and Doug Jaeger for their service and active commitment to a strong and vibrant sector.

We welcome your voice, support and assistance to further raise the capacity of independent and private schools in our state. We always keep this mantra central to our efforts - "It's about kids!"

Jennifer Cassidy Chair, Board of Directors

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2015-2016 Member Schools

MISF member schools represent a strong array of educational choices serving students and families across Minnesota. During 2015-16. MISF's membership network grew to 155 schools serving 32.862 students.

Academy of Holy Angels Richfield, Grades 9-12

Academy of Whole Learning St. Louis Park, Grades K-12

Al-Amal School Fridley, Grades PK-12

Annunciation School Minneapolis, Grades PK-8

Ascension Catholic School Minneapolis, Grades K-8

Assumption Catholic School Hibbing, Grades PK-6

Benilde-St. Margaret's St. Louis Park. Grades 7-12

Bethany Academy Bloomington, Grades K-12

Bethlehem Academy Faribault, Grades 7-12

Bloomington Lutheran School Bloomington, Grades PK-8

Calvin Christian High School Fridley, Grades 9-12

Calvin Christian School - Blaine Campus

Blaine, Grades K-8

Calvin Christian School - Edina Campus

Edina, Grades PK-8

Cambridge Christian School Cambridge, Grades PK-12

Carondelet Catholic School Minneapolis, Grades K-8

Central Minnesota Christian Schools

Prinsburg, Grades PK-12

Chesterton Academy Edina, Grades 9-12

Christ Community Lutheran School Watertown, Grades PK-8

Christ Lutheran School North St. Paul, Grades K-8

Christian Heritage Academy Rosemount, Grades PK-8

Christian Life School Farmington, Grades PK-12

City of Lakes Waldorf School Minneapolis, Grades PK-8

Community of Saints Regional Catholic School

West St. Paul, Grades PK-8

Concordia Academy - Roseville

Roseville, Grades 9-12

Winona, Grades 7-12

Cotter Schools

Cretin-Derham Hall St. Paul. Grades 9-12

DeLaSalle High School Minneapolis, Grades 9-12

Edgerton Christian Elementary School

Emanuel Lutheran School Hamburg, Grades PK-8

Edgerton, Grades PK-8

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School Eagan, Grades K-8

First Evangelical Lutheran School Glencoe, Grades PK-8

Frassati Catholic Academy White Bear Lake, Grades PK-8

Gethsemane Lutheran School Maplewood, Grades PK-8

Glory Academy Lakeville Grades PK-12

Good Shepherd Lutheran School Burnsville, Grades PK-8

Good Shepherd School Golden Valley, Grades K-6

Hand in Hand Christian Montessori Roseville, Grades PK-8

Heritage Christian Academy Maple Grove, Grades K-12

Highland Catholic School St. Paul. Grades PK-8

Hillcrest Lutheran Academy Fergus Falls, Grades 7-12

Hill-Murray School Maplewood, Grades 6-12

Holy Family Catholic High School Victoria, Grades 9-12

Holy Name of Jesus School Wayzata, Grades PK-6

Holy Spirit Catholic School St. Paul, Grades PK-8

Holy Trinity Catholic School Pierz. Grades PK-6

Hope Lutheran High School Winona, Grades 9-12

Immanuel Lutheran School Lakefield, Grades PK-8

Immanuel Lutheran School Mankato, Grades K-12

John Treland Catholic School St. Peter, Grades K-6

King of Grace Lutheran School Golden Valley, Grades PK-8

King of Kings Lutheran School Roseville, Grades PK-8

Lakeview Christian Academy Duluth, Grades Pk-12

Legacy Christian Academy Andover, Grades PK-12

Liberty Classical Academy White Bear Lake, Grades PK-12

Life Academy Bloomington, Grades PK-12

Living Hope Lutheran School Shakopee, Grades PK-8

Lourdes High School Rochester, Grades 9-12

Loyola Catholic School Mankato, Grades PK-12

Magnuson Christian School White Bear Lake, Grades K-6

Maplewood Academy Hutchinson, Grades 9-12

Maranatha Christian Academy Brooklyn Park, Grades PK-12

Martin Luther High School Northrop, Grades 9-12

Maternity of Mary - St. Andrew School St. Paul. Grades PK-8

Mayer Lutheran High School Mayer, Grades 9-12

Minnehaha Academy Minneapolis, Grades 9-12

Minnehaha Academy South Campus Minneapolis, Grades PK-8

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

New Ulm. Grades 9-12 Minnesota Waldorf School

Maplewood, Grades PK-8

Morning Son Christian School Fergus Falls, Grades PK-6

Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School

Montgomery, Grades PK-8

New Life Academy Woodbury, Grades PK-12

New Testament Christian School Alexandria, Grades K-12

New Ulm Area Catholic Schools

(Cathedral/St. Anthony Elementary) New Ulm. Grades PK-12

Notre Dame Academy Minnetonka, Grades PK-8

Our Lady of Peace Minneapolis, Grades PK-8

Our Savior Lutheran School Excelsior. Grades K-8

Pacelli Elementary School Austin, Grades PK-5

Pacelli Middle/High Schools Austin, Grades 6-12

Park Christian School Moorhead, Grades K-12

Petra Lutheran School Sauk Rapids, Grades K-8

Pine Harbor Christian Academy Hastings, Grades K-8

Pioneers Academy Brooklyn Park, Grades K-4

Prairie Lutheran School Fairfax, Grades PK-8

Risen Christ School Minneapolis, Grades K-8

Risen Savior Lutheran School Mankato, Grades K-8

Rochester Arts & Sciences Academy

Rochester, Grades PK-5

Sacred Heart Catholic School Robbinsdale, Grades PK-8

Saint Agnes School St. Paul, Grades K-12

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School Hastings, Grades PK-8

Saint John's Preparatory School Collegeville, Grades 6-12

School of St. Philip Litchfield, Grades PK-5

Shakopee Area Catholic School Shakopee, Grades PK-8

Southwest Christian High School Chaska, Grades 9-12

Southwest Minnesota Christian High School Edgerton, Grades 9-12

St. Alphonsus Parish School Brooklyn Center, Grades PK-8

St. Anastasia Catholic School Hutchinson, Grades K-6

St. Anne's School Wabasso, Grades PK-6

St. Bartholomew Catholic School Wayzata, Grades PK-6

St. Boniface School Cold Spring, Grades PK-6

St. Charles Borromeo School Minneapolis, Grades PK-8

St. Croix Catholic School Stillwater, Grades PK-8

St. Croix Lutheran West St. Paul, Grades 6-12

St. Croix Montessori School Stillwater, Grades PK-8

St. Dominic School Northfield, Grades PK-8

St. James Catholic School Duluth, Grades PK-8

St. Jerome School Maplewood, Grades PK-8

St. John Lutheran School Elk River, Grades K-7

St. John Lutheran School Redwood Falls, Grades PK-8

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Savage, Grades PK-8

St. John Vianney School Fairmont, Grades PK-6

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran School Caledonia, Grades PK-8

St. John's Lutheran School Chaska, Grades PK-8

St. John's Lutheran School Corcoran, Grades PK-8

St. John's Lutheran School Lake City. Grades PK-8

St. John's Lutheran School Norwood Yng Am. Grades PK-8

St. Joseph Catholic School Waconia, Grades PK-8

St. Joseph's School Grand Rapids, Grades PK-6

St. Joseph's School Moorhead, Grades PK-8

St. Joseph's School West St. Paul, Grades PK-8

St. Jude of the Lake School Mahtomedi, Grades K-5

St. Katharine Drexel School St. Cloud, Grades PK-6

St. Mark's School St. Paul. Grades PK-8

St. Mary's Elementry School Sleepy Eye, Grades PK-6

St. Mary's High School Sleepy Eve. Grades 7-12

St. Mary's School Morris, Grades K-6

St. Mary's School Owatonna, Grades PK-8

St. Michael's Lakeside School Duluth, Grades PK-5

St. Odilia School Shoreview, Grades PK-8 **St. Pascal Baylon School** St. Paul, Grades PK-8

St. Paul Lutheran School Fairmont, Grades PK-8

St. Paul Preparatory School

St. Paul, Grades 9-12

St. Paul's Lutheran School New Ulm. Grades PK-8

St. Paul's Lutheran School St. James, Grades PK-8

St. Peter Catholic School North St. Paul, Grades PK-8

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran School

St. Peter, Grades PK-8

St. Thomas More Catholic School

St. Paul, Grades PK-8

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School

Brooklyn Park, Grades K-8

Sts. Peter & Paul School Richmond. Grades PK-5

Sunny Hollow Montessori St. Paul, Grades PK-6

Talmud Torah of St. Paul St. Paul. Grades K-6

Totino-Grace High School Fridley, Grades 9-12

TransformED AcademyRochester, Grades 7-12

Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School

Eagan, Grades PK-8

Trinity Lutheran School
Belle Plaine. Grades PK-8

Trinity Lutheran School
Janesville, Grades PK-8

Trinity Lutheran School St. Francis, Grades PK-8

Trinity Lutheran School Waconia. Grades PK-8

Victory Christian Academy Hibbing, Grades PK-12

West Lutheran High School Plymouth, Grades 9-12

White Bear Montessori School White Bear Lake, Grades PK-6

Winona Area Catholic Schools

Winona, Grades PK-6

Yeshiva of Minneapolis St. Louis Park, Grades 9-12

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The President's Cabinet raises awareness of what is happening in independent and private education and how MISF is working to support the efforts of its schools. Their commitment is important to MISF as it strives to bring more resources, information, and representation to Minnesota's 450 independent and private schools.

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2015-2016 STEM Grant Program

In the spring of 2016, MISF awarded 33 STEM grants totaling \$129,476 to member private and independent schools across the state. STEM grant funding supports MISF schools in their efforts to introduce or enhance STEM learning opportunities for their students. Since 2009, MISF has awarded 160 grants totaling \$796,055.

2015-2016 Private & Independent Education Awards



Honor Teacher Awardees

K-8 Honor Teacher

Diane LaBeau, Risen Christ Catholic School, (Minneapolis)

Grades 9-12 Honor Teacher

David Pearson, DeLaSalle High School (Minneapolis)

Honor Teacher Finalists K-8

Erin McBurney, Annunciation Catholic School Krista Welle, St. Pascal Baylon School

Honor Teacher Finalists 9-12

Ned Thompson, Totino-Grace High School
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Leadership Award 9-12 Cade Lambert New Life Academy

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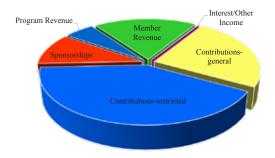




2015-2016 Financial Activity

Revenue and Other Support

Contributions-general	\$196,613
Contributions-restricted	\$333,848
Sponsorships	\$84,250
Program Revenue	
Member Revenue	\$151,473
Interest/Other Income	\$668
Net Assets released from restrictions and/or	
satisfaction of program restrictions	\$300,732
Total Revenue and Other Support	



Expenses

Program Expenses	
Advocacy/Public Policy	\$35,898
Professional Development	\$85,304
Member Services	\$71,053
STEM Program	\$200,613
Fundraising	\$47,387
Administrative	\$263,587
Total Expenses	\$703,842
Change in Net Assets	\$107,280
Net Assets-Beginning	\$241,704
Net Assets-Ending	\$348,984



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