

2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION:

MISF connects and strengthens Minnesota's independent schools through exceptional training, resources, and advocacy so they can be student-centered and mission-driven.

WE BELIEVE

When every independent school is connected and strong, Minnesota's families will be able to select the school that best fits their children, and Minnesota's students will excel.

Dear friends of Minnesota Independent School Forum:

We are pleased to share our 2016-17 Annual Report to recognize and celebrate the amazing effort and commitment of so many schools, donors, funders and partners who empower our work throughout the year.

During this period, we began several new initiatives with a goal to further connect schools to our statewide network while preparing to set a course for our future efforts.

The MISF Board of Directors and staff embarked on a new strategic planning process in April. Thanks to the robust engagement and input from our stakeholders, this plan was formally approved by the Board of Directors in September, 2017. We are confident it will give us focus to further deepen our engagement and relationships with our member schools and stakeholders.

During the year, we began offering our professional development seminars via webinar. This helped fill a gap for schools that, due to geography or scheduling issues, were unable to access our high quality offerings during the year. This program enhancement resulted in an average

attendance increase of 23%.

Thanks to our generous STEM partners, 3M, Xcel Energy and Schott Foundation, 243 educators attended our STEM Conference and we distributed \$127,634 to





31 schools via grants for hands-on projects in schools across Minnesota.

We extend our sincere appreciation to outgoing board members Malcolm McDonald, Phil Paquette and Jon Theobald for the wise counsel and fierce commitment to our mission.

We invite you to remain a vibrant and integral part of our effort to bring voice, resources and relationships to independent and private schools in our state. In the end, "It's about kids!"

Jennifer Cassidy

Chair, Board of Directors

Tim Benz, CFRE President



2016-2017 MEMBER SCHOOLS

MISF member schools represent a strong array of educational choices serving students and families across Minnesota.

During 2016-17, MISF's membership network grew to 154 schools serving 33,634 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 School

Minneapolis, Grades K-8

Benilde-St. Margaret's

St. Louis Park, Grades 7-12

Bethany Academy

Minneapolis, Grades K-12

Bethlehem Academy

Faribault, Grades 7-12

Blessed Trinity School (Nicollet Campus)

Richfield, Grades PK-8

Blessed Trinity School (Penn Campus)

Richfield, Grades PK-8

Calvin Christian High School

Fridley, Grades 9-12

Calvin Christian School - Blaine

Blaine, Grades K-8

Calvin Christian School - Edina Edina, Grades PK-8

Carondelet Catholic School

Minneapolis, Grades K-8

Central Minnesota Christian School Prinsburg, Grades PK-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 Academy Farmington, Grades PK-12

Community of Saints Regional Catholic School West St. Paul, Grades PK-8 Concordia Academy - Roseville

Roseville, Grades 9-12

Cotter Schools
Winona, Grades 7-12

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

Cristo Rey Jesuit High School Minneapolis, Grades 9-12

DeLaSalle High School Minneapolis, Grades 9-12

Edgerton Christian Elementary School Edgerton, Grades PK-8

Emanuel Lutheran School Hamburg, Grades PK-8

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School Eagan, Grades K-8

Faribault Lutheran School Faribault, Grades K-8

First Evangelical Lutheran School Glencoe, Grades PK-8

Frassati Catholic Academy
White Bear Lake, Grades PK-8

Gethsemane School
Maplewood, Grades PK-8

Glory Academy
Lakeville, Grades PK-4

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 St. Paul, 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 Plainview, Grades PK-8

Iqra School Minneapolis, Grades PK-4

John Ireland School St. Peter, Grades K-6

King of Grace Lutheran SchoolGolden Valley, Grades PK-8

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King of Kings Lutheran School	Minnehaha Academy	Our Savior Lutheran School	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School	St. Croix Montessori School
Roseville, Grades PK-8	Minneapolis, Grades 9-12	Excelsior, Grades PK-8	Hastings, Grades PK-8	Stillwater, Grades PK-8
Legacy Christian Academy Andover, Grades PK-12	Minnehaha Academy (South Campus) Minneapolis, Grades PK-8	Pacelli Elementary School Austin, Grades PK-5	Saint John School of Little Canada Little Canada, Grades K-8	St. Dominic School Northfield, Grades PK-8
Liberty Classical Academy White Bear Lake, Grades PK-12	Minnesota Valley Lutheran H.S. New Ulm, Grades 9-12	Pacelli Middle/High School Austin, Grades 6-12	Saint John's Preparatory School Collegeville, Grades 6-12	St. James Catholic School Duluth, Grades PK-8
Life Academy	Morning Son Christian School	Park Christian School	Saint Thomas Academy	St. Jerome School
Bloomington, Grades PK-12	Fergus Falls, Grades PK-6	Moorhead, Grades K-12	Mendota Heights, Grades 7-12	Maplewood, Grades PK-8
Lourdes High School	Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School	Petra Lutheran School	School of St. Philip	St. John Lutheran School
Rochester, Grades 9-12	Montgomery, Grades PK-8	Sauk Rapids, Grades K-8	Litchfield, Grades PK-5	Elk River, Grades K-7
Loyola Catholic School	Mountain Lake Christian School	Pine Harbor Christian Academy	Southwest Christian High School	St. John Lutheran School
Mankato, Grades PK-12	Mountain Lake, Grades PK-12	Hastings, Grades PK-8	Chaska, Grades 9-12	Redwood Falls, Grades PK-8
Magnuson Christian School	Nativity of Mary School	Pioneers Academy	Southwest MN Christian High School	St. John the Baptist Catholic School
White Bear Lake, Grades K-6	Bloomington, Grades PK-8	Brooklyn Park, Grades K-4	Edgerton, Grades 9-12	Savage, Grades PK-8
Maplewood Academy	Nativity of Our Lord School	Prairie Lutheran School	St. Alphonsus Parish School	St. John Vianney School
Hutchinson, Grades 9-12	St. Paul, Grades PK-8	Fairfax, Grades PK-8	Brooklyn Center, Grades PK-8	Fairmont, Grades PK-6
Maranatha Christian Academy	New Life Academy	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Anne's School	St. John's Evangelical Lutheran School
Brooklyn Park, Grades PK-12	Woodbury, Grades PK-12	Maplewood, Grades PK-8	LeSueur, Grades PK-5	Caledonia, Grades PK-8
Martin Luther High School	New Testament Christian School	Risen Christ School	St. Boniface School	St. John's Lutheran School
Northrop, Grades 9-12	Alexandria, Grades K-12	Minneapolis, Grades K-8	Cold Spring, Grades PK-6	Chaska, Grades PK-8
Mary Queen of Peace School	New Ulm Area Catholic Schools	Risen Savior Lutheran School	St. Charles Borromeo School	St. John's Lutheran School
Rogers, Grades PK-6	New Ulm, Grades PK-12	Mankato, Grades K-8	Minneapolis, Grades PK-8	Corcoran, Grades PK-8
Maternity of Mary-St. Andrew School	Notre Dame Academy	Rochester Arts & Sciences Academy	St. Croix Catholic School	St. John's Lutheran School
St. Paul, Grades PK-8	Minnetonka, Grades PK-8	Rochester, Grades PK-5	Stillwater, Grades PK-8	Lake City, Grades PK-8
Mayer Lutheran High School Mayer, Grades 9-12	Our Lady of Peace School Minneapolis, Grades PK-8	Saint Agnes School St. Paul, Grades K-12	St. Croix Lutheran West St. Paul, Grades 6-12	www.misf.org 5

St. John's Lutheran School

Norwood Young America, 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 Saint Cloud, Grades PK-6

St. Mark's School

St. Paul, Grades PK-8

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

St. Mary's High School

Sleepy Eye, Grades 7-12

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

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

St. Michael Catholic School Prior Lake, Grades PK-8

St. Michael's Lakeside School

St. Michael's Lakeside Schoo Duluth. Grades PK-5

St. Odilia School

Shoreview, Grades K-8

St. Pascal Baylon School

St. Paul, 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 Prior Lake, Grades PK-8

St. Paul's Lutheran School St. James. Grades K-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 School Brooklyn Park, Grades K-8 Sts. Peter & Paul School

Richmond, Grades K-5

Sunny Hollow Montessori

St. Paul, Grades PK-6

The Way of the Shepherd Montessori

Blaine, Grades PK-6

Totino-Grace High School Fridley, Grades 9-12

Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School

Eagan, Grades PK-8

Trinity Lutheran School

Belle Plaine, Grades PK-8

Trinity Lutheran SchoolJanesville, Grades PK-8

Trinity Lutheran School St. Francis. Grades PK-8

St. Francis, Grades PK-

Trinity Lutheran School Waconia, Grades PK-8

Veritas Academy North Branch, Grades K-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 MinneapolisMinneapolis, Grades 9-12

Zion Lutheran School Alexandria, Grades PK-8

Zion Lutheran School Mayer, Grades PK-8





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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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2016 STEM EDUCATION CONFERENCE





2016-2017 STEM GRANT PROGRAM

In the spring of 2017, MISF awarded 31 STEM grants totaling \$127,634 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 191 grants totaling \$921,875.



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LEADERSHIP AWARD K-8

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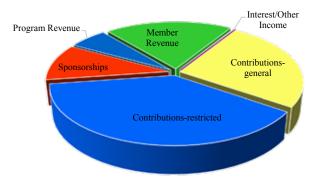


2016-2017 FINANCIAL ACTIVITY



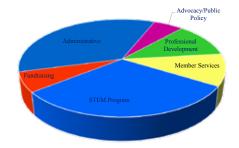
Revenue and Other Support

Contributions-general	\$185,847
Contributions-restricted	\$275,474
Sponsorships	\$74,350
Program Revenue	\$42,945
Member Revenue	\$143,175
Interest/Other Income	\$946
Net Assets released from restrictions and/or	
satisfaction of program restrictions	\$315,218
Total Revenue and Other Support	\$722,737



Expenses

Program Expenses	
Advocacy/Public Policy	\$40,322
Professional Development	\$83,972
Member Services	\$76,686
STEM Program	\$221,899
Fundraising	\$47,585
Administrative	\$256,263
Total Expenses	\$726,727
Change in Net Assets	(\$3,990)
Net Assets-Beginning	\$348,984
Net Assets-Ending	\$344,994





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