



Voice For Greater Minnesota Education

June 8, 2026

Noel Schmidt
Rock Ridge School District
1405 Progress Pkwy
Virginia MN 55792

Hi, Noel,

On behalf of MREA's 239 public school district members, thank you for your district's membership that helps us proactively engage with legislators and state officials to address Greater Minnesota P-12 education funding and policy issues. With the 2025-26 school year behind us, Rock Ridge School District's renewed membership for the 2026-27 school year is fundamental to MREA's advocacy targeting student learning and funding gaps.

Advocacy Focused on Greater Minnesota Education

MREA is your district's voice at the Capitol, and we advocate with education officials and legislators representing Rock Ridge School District to inform them of potential impacts of their decisions.

Our recent successes for rural education include:

- New Seasonal Recreational Tax Base Replacement Aid
- Permanent School Trust Fund on November's Ballot for Additional Funding for Every Student
- \$10M for Compensatory Hold Harmless Support
- \$12.5M for Student Mental Health Support
- Expanding Allowable Uses in Operating Capital to Include Utility Costs
- *Check out all our recent Accomplishments on the enclosed flyer.*

Count on MREA to work for your district outside the Capitol, too, with:

- Professional development and networking at our Greater Education Summit
- Valuable resources like Truth in Taxation webinar and templates, Franklin Covey leadership training, and more
- Elevating rural programs and people through Educators of Excellence and Innovation Program Awards

Looking Ahead to a Successful 2027

Looking ahead to the 2027 legislative session, we know that when we work together, we succeed together. The Voice for Greater Minnesota Education has never been stronger, and we sincerely appreciate Rock Ridge School District's renewed membership. Please send your membership dues and updated contact information by July 15 to ensure our rural voice remains impactful.

Best wishes for a summer of well-being,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jeffrey D. Drake'.

Jeff Drake, MREA Board President
Superintendent, Fergus Falls Schools

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Fred Nolan'.

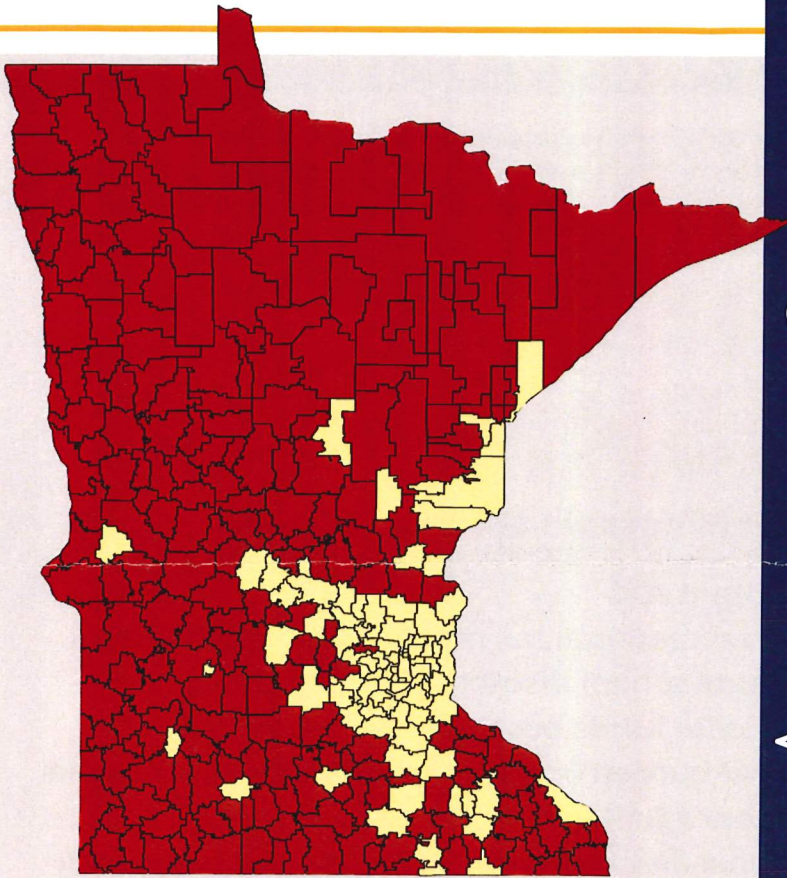
Fred Nolan, MREA Interim Executive Director




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How MREA serves YOU



 MREA Member School District



ADVOCATE

- Lobbyists at the Capitol every day advocating for students
- Weekly Advocacy Briefings during legislative session
- Interactive maps and analysis showing impacts of major changes
- Action alerts to help encourage engagement



EDUCATE

- Professional development and networking at Annual Conference
- MREA Maps that show funding impact by district / region.
- Regional meetings and trainings to provide input and stay informed
- Member benefits providing learning opportunities
- Discounts on partner programs



COMMUNICATE & CELEBRATE

- Weekly Insider Briefs with education updates relevant to rural districts
- Website with resources, news, and updates
- Celebration and sharing of accomplishments and best practices
- Awards for teachers and innovative school programs
- In-person visits to keep a pulse on district accomplishments & needs

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INVOICE

Invoice Number: 2627-5000-4718-01

Invoice Date: June 8, 2026

Payment Due: July 15, 2026

Amount Due: \$2500.00

Bill to
Rock Ridge School District
Noel Schmidt
1405 Progress Pkwy
Virginia, MN 55792

Items	Quantity	Price	Amount
2026-27 ISD 2909 Membership July 1 - June			
30			
• Base Fee*	1	\$1100	\$1100.00
• Legislative Fee \$1/APU (maximum of \$1400)	2426 APU	\$2426	\$2426.00
Total			\$2500.00
Amount Due			\$2500.00

*Districts sharing superintendents must each join MREA to receive discounted Base Fee of \$825. Contact MREA if Shared District has changed. ** If your district is in SOD, please reach out to MREA for reduced payment options.

CONTACT INFORMATION (Please review and update)

District Name: Rock Ridge School District

Primary Contact: Noel Schmidt

Contact Position Title: Superintendent

Contact Email: noel.schmidt@rrps.org

District Phone: 218 - 735-3500

***Shared District:**

Superintendent Cell Phone: NEEDED

Principal Place of Business: 1405 Progress Pkwy

City, State, Zip: Virginia, MN 55792

Website Address: www.rrps.org

County: Saint Louis

****SOD:** No

SIGNATURE _____

Date _____

Signature is consent to membership and to receive member notices at primary contact's email address.

QUESTIONS? Contact Amanda Cisar, Operations Director, at (320) 762-6574.

MREA is a nonprofit 501(c)(4) membership association and dues are not tax deductible as charitable contributions. We estimate 49.3% of FY27 dues will be attributable to non-deductible lobbying activity and are not deductible under Internal Revenue Code Section 162 as an ordinary and necessary business expense. Notify your accountant and/or tax preparer.

Thank you for your continued membership!
Please remit check, **payable to MREA at NEW address: PO Box 10, Moose Lake, MN 55767.**