

MDE Weekly Superintendent Mail

TO: Superintendents
FROM: Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Commissioner
DATE: December 8, 2011

MDE NEWS AND INFORMATION

PRESS RELEASES

- ***Commissioner Cassellius Announces Series of Statewide Meetings***

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) announced a series of statewide public meetings to provide information about Minnesota's No Child Left Behind (NCLB) waiver request. Commissioner Cassellius and Department staff will embark on a statewide tour to present information about Minnesota's waiver request and plans for a new accountability system that will more accurately and fairly measure schools' progress. [See the December 6 press release.](#)

- ***Teacher Evaluation Working Group Appointed***

Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius has appointed 35 members to a panel charged with developing a new evaluation system for Minnesota teachers. [See the December 5 press release.](#)

- ***Additional Charter School Authorizer Approved by Minnesota Department of Education***

Twenty-six charter school authorizers now meet the nationally recognized rigorous state law that brings increased oversight to charter schools. [See the December 2 press release.](#)

MISCELLANEOUS

- ***Advisory Committee on Financial Management, Accounting and Reporting – Applicants Sought***

The Division of Program Finance has **extended the deadline** for applications to serve on MDE's Advisory Committee on Financial Management, Accounting and Reporting. Our earlier announcement inadvertently omitted an open position in the category representing regional organizations or approved financial software vendors.

The fifteen-member volunteer committee, with membership encompassing the various segments of Minnesota's school financial community, advises the department on matters of school accounting, reporting, budgeting and financial management. More complete background information is found on the MDE website: MDE > Welcome to MDE > Advisory > Advisory Committee on Financial Management
<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Welcome/AdvBCT/AdvCommFinanMgmt/index.html>

By category, the openings for three-year terms running through December 2014 include:

Public school employees whose positions involve activities related to school financial management, accounting or reporting, including superintendents, business managers and accountants working in Minnesota school districts and charter schools, appointed by the Commissioner of Education – four open positions.

A certified public accountant employed by a public accounting firm, whose position involves school district audits, appointed by the Commissioner of Education – one open position.

Persons employed by regional organizations or approved financial software vendors whose position involves work with school districts or charter schools on financial management, accounting or reporting, appointed by the Commissioner of Education – one open position.

To apply, please submit a letter of interest describing your experience and training in school financial management by **December 23, 2011** to:

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