



Reimagine Minnesota  
In the Midst of COVID-19  
School Board Conference

June 17, 2020

9:00AM-12:00PM

A virtual participatory event

# The Purpose of our Work

In the midst of Covid-19, we must ensure that any re-design of our educational system serves everyone on an equal, equitable and integrated basis. Out of darkness comes light and opportunity. Reimagine Minnesota can be our guiding light. For the first time in the history of public education we can re-shape education with every child at the design table. Let's do this!

# Basic Zoom Etiquette

- We have over 300 people that have joined us for the conference.
- Be patient.
- During the conference, if you are not speaking, please mute your mic. The conference producers will also manage this aspect on their end during portions of the conference.
- It would be great if you could turn on your video so we can all see who is here and participating.
- If you get bumped out of the conference, no worries, just sign back in.
- If you have a technical question-click on zoom host – Troy Melhus and we will read and respond.
- Not everyone will get a chance to speak. But we still want to hear your voice so please comment in the chat box. We will be recording and saving the chats and will make the summary available after the conference.
- Be Kind

# Flow of our Day



- Welcome and Introductions-Paula Forbes, Christine Osorio and David law
- Superintendent's Panel-Road to Reimagine
- Equity Director's Panel-Student Engagement and Distance Learning
- Directions and Agreements for break-out sessions
- Break-Out Session #1
- School Board Member Panel-Incorporating Reimagine into your district's strategic plan
- L.T. Governor Flanagan addresses conference participants
- Break-Out Session #2
- Large Group Harvest
- Closing and next steps



# Our Guest Speaker

Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan

Introduced by MPS Foundation CEO R.T. Rybak

# A Virtual World Cafe



- We will have two rounds of small break-out sessions during this conference.
- The break-out sessions will be randomly assigned by our zoom producer.
- When you arrive in your break-out room, pick a table host.
- The table host will be responsible for taking notes and placing three big bold ideas that bubbled up in the chat box, saving the chat and sending it back to us.
- Your table host will also remind you of the table agreements for having a thoughtful, safe conversation. We will put the agreements in the chat box.
- Not everyone will be able to speak-so we encourage you to add to the chat. This is our virtual way to play, doodle and draw. Don't forget to save the chat so we can keep the harvest.
- Your group will be given a one-minute message when it is time to come back to the larger group. You will automatically be placed back into the large session.
- We will repeat this for the second break-out session
- At the end of session two we will have designated people report out to the large session and harvest the information for you to tap into on the AMSD website at a later time.

# Conversation Etiquette

This process creates a safe space!



- Listen to understand.
- Contribute your thinking.
- Speak your truth and accept that other opinions are okay.
- Be aware of your impact on the group.
- If you find yourself in judgment, turn to wonder.
- Hear all the voices.
- Listen with respect
- No fixing, No advising
- No shaming



Question #1

## Reimagine Minnesota and Distance Learning, E-learning and personalized learning

How can we ensure an equitable and excellent education in a distance learning environment? How should public policy be shaped moving forward and what should the school board's role be?

What strategies from the Reimagine collective action plan help us with this work? I.e.:

- Personalized learning
- Statewide funding
- Teacher preparation and diversifying the education workforce
- Developing and implementing culturally inclusive curriculum



Question #2

## Reimagine Minnesota and Measurements for success

How do you know when your district is doing a good job with equity strategies?

How do we measure success using an equity lens?

If you have any technical questions or needs during or after the conference, please chat with Troy or email him at: [tmelhus@amsd.org](mailto:tmelhus@amsd.org)

This is critical work and the time for equity and equality in education matters now more than ever. It is essential that we get this right and we can't do it without you.

Thank you so much for being a part of this conference.

# Our hosting team, sponsor, organizers, conference panelists and guest speaker

## Thank you

### **Sponsor**

- Minneapolis Foundation  
R.T. Rybak, President and CEO  
Patrice Relerford, Director of Impact Strategy, Education

### **Hosting Team and Conference Organizers**

- Paula Forbes, Forbes Solutions PLLC.
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Christine Osorio, Superintendent, North St. Paul, Oakdale and Maplewood  
David Law, Superintendent, Anoka-Hennepin Schools
- Robin Gordon, Equity and Inclusion Director, Independent School District 196
- Gary Amoroso, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of School Administrators
- Kirk Schneidawind, Executive Director, Minnesota School Boards Association
- Paula O'Loughlin, Associate Director of Board Development
- Erica Allenburg, Board Chair, Edina Public Schools

### **Panelists**

#### **Superintendents**

Astein Osei, St. Louis Park Public Schools  
Aldo Sicoli, Roseville Area Schools  
Joe Gothard, St. Paul Public Schools  
David Law, Anoka Hennepin School District  
Christine Osorio, North St. Paul, Maplewood and Oakdale Schools

#### **Equity Leaders**

Robin Gordon, Rosemount, Apple Valley, Eagan School District  
Michael Walker, Minneapolis Public Schools  
Kandace Logan, Minneapolis Public Schools  
Malik Peer, Jordan Public Schools

#### **School Board Members**

Paula Cole, Richfield Public Schools  
Curtis Johnson, Roseville Area Schools  
Kitty Gogins, Roseville Area Schools

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