

SEE Days at the Capitol Guide

The [2020 district schedule](#) for the *SEE Day at the Capitol* visits.

I want to thank you for taking the time to advocate for your students and their schools on this day at the Capitol! I will be your host for the day. Following is my contact information:



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Where will we meet at the Capitol?

Meet me at 9:45 a.m. on the first floor of the *Minnesota Senate Building, 95 University Ave W, St Paul, MN 55155* (See [map of the Capitol complex](#)). When you walk into the main entrance on the ground floor, go up the stairs or take the elevator by the information desk, take a left at the top of the stairs or at the elevator, then another left, and you will find me. If you find yourself running late or are lost, just call me on my cell phone (number listed above).

How do you get to the Capitol complex?

Here are [directions](#) from the nearby 35E and 94 interstates. (See question 1)

Where can you park?

Metered parking lots surround the Capitol complex and will say Public Parking. I would recommend Lot C, Lot AA, Lot Q, and Ramp F. Again, here is a map of the Capitol complex with the [public parking locations](#). The meters take \$1 and \$5 bills, quarters and Visa/Master Cards. The cost is \$1.50 per hour.

What is expected of you?

Well . . . just show up! Legislators want to hear from their constituents (that is you!) Face-to-face interaction is the most effective communication. Your mere presence will show your legislators that quality public education is very important to you. You can talk as little or as much as you would like. I have no problem filling in any silences!

What are the issues?

Your school district is part of the SEE association of 57 Minnesota school districts. Equity and adequacy in education funding and policy are our core issues. SEE's vision is that all students must have equal access to a high-quality education regardless of where they live in Minnesota. *I urge you to watch the Capitol Pizza* video below. Also, you can review [SEE's 2020 Legislative Platform](#) to learn the issues. This will give a background on the issues we will raise with the legislators.

Watch SEE's **Capitol Pizza** Video



Learn more from [frequently asked questions](#).
Find out specific information on your SEE district!
See [a listing of SEE districts](#) with links to additional material.

What is the goal of the Capitol visit?

Legislators need to know that maintaining high-quality local public schools is a top priority for their constituents. We want them to hear from you, so they can take the message back to leadership. The legislature must reduce the education opportunity gaps, provide taxpayer fairness in education funding and fully fund mandates.

What is the plan for the day?

Several parents and community members, perhaps school board members and superintendents, from select SEE school districts are expected. Groups last year numbered between five and twenty. We will visit as many of the districts' legislators as possible. I will make appointments, which usually last about 15 minutes. If we can't get office appointments, we can ask legislators to come out to talk with us if they are in committee meetings or session. Schedules are very fluid at the Capitol and plans can change very unexpectedly. We will just be flexible.

What about lunch?

Depending on the appointment schedule, we may finish before lunch or need to stop for refreshments. The Capitol and the Transportation Building have cafeterias. You can bring a lunch or purchase one in a cafeteria.

What time will the day end?

We will probably wrap up around 2:00 p.m., maybe earlier.

I hope this answers any questions you may have. If not, please don't hesitate to contact me. My email address and phone number are above.