

## 2018 Legislative Platform

The LAN Board has adopted a 2018 legislative platform designed to stabilize financial resources to ABE programs in Minnesota. The platform was developed over several months of thought and feedback from the LAN Membership.

### LAN INITIATIVE

Since 2001, the contact hour rate has remained virtually unchanged **\$5.72 in 2001 vs. \$6.05 in 2016-2017.**

The inflation rate during this time period has been more than **37%**. The overall impact has been a significant decrease in funding to support needed ABE services.

The proposed platform addresses this shortfall by increasing resources for all consortia.

There are **two planks** in the platform:

- Change the 3% ABE growth factor to a 3% annual inflationary increase
- Support the ABE funding formula as it stands, opposing any funding requests intended to help meet the general operating costs of individual providers which does not benefit all programs statewide



### LAN SUPPORTS

**LAN favors** continued funding to help defray the cost of secondary credential testing.

**LAN Supports** the MN WIN for Jobs bill - SF2434 - which proposes to empower regions to strategically address the workforce crisis.



**LAN Supports** the Northstar Digital Literacy Assessment capital request of \$150,000 to upgrade this statewide digital literacy assessment to reflect evolution in HTML5 standards.

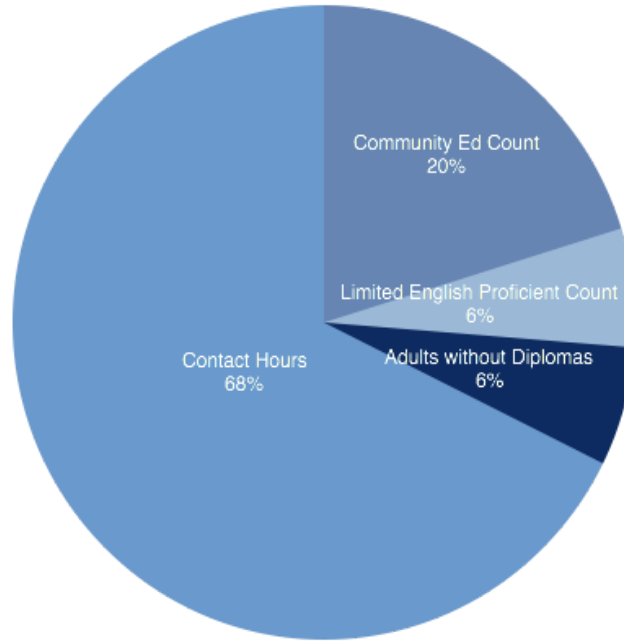


**Background: There are four primary components to the ABE formula:**

Contact Hour Aid, based on the number of student contact hours in each consortia

- Total population in the service area of each school district consortia
- Number of Limited English Proficient (LEP) students in the service area of each school district/consortia
- Number of adults 25 and older without a secondary credential in the service area of each school district

**Formula Distribution of ABE Funding**



**2017:** Total students served: - 64,878

Total contact hours - 5,302,063; portion of contact hours provided by 20 CBOs: 36%

