The LAN Board has adopted a 2020 legislative platform designed to stabilize financial resources to serve Adult Basic Education (ABE) students in Minnesota. The platform was developed over several months of thought and feedback from the LAN Membership throughout the state.

LAN INITIATIVE

Increase ABE funding annually based on the percentage of increase that K-12 receives each year.

Since 2001, ABE funding state-wide has remained flat, while the inflation rate from 2001 to 2018 was more than 38%. The overall impact has been a significant decrease in funding to support needed ABE services statewide. While K12 and ECFE receive an annual per-student funding increase, ABE does not. The proposed platform addresses this shortfall by increasing resources for all ABE consortia.

LAN Supports
Efforts by the Coalition to Increase Teachers of Color and American Indian Teachers to expand racial diversity among public school teachers in Minnesota.

LAN will monitor discussion regarding pay equity between K-12 and ABE or ECFE teacher contracts for licensed teachers and the potential impacts to services available.

ABE Day at the Capitol!
MARCH 9, 2020
Students and ABE staff from throughout MN will be meeting with their local legislators at the Minnesota State Capitol. Please join us!

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

1. Contact Hour Aid, based on the number of student contact hours at each consortia
2. Total population in the service area of each school district consortia
3. Number of Limited English Proficient (LEP) students in the service area of each school district
4. Number of adults 25 and older without a secondary credential in the service area of each school district

In 2018-2019, 59,000 students accessed services at 41 Consortia throughout MN generating 4.4 million contact hours statewide.

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