AGENDA

- History Lesson
- Trusts & Trustees
- School Trust Mission
- Strategic Planning
- BWCAW Project
“Knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.”

Thomas Jefferson
Northwest Ordinance, circa 1787
Accepting these lands has been described as a “sacred compact” to support public education with the land.

“Sacred compact” held to create a trust relationship.

Trust relationship owed to School Trust assets – financial, real property and mineral assets.
**State as Trustee**

- Governor
- Legislature / LPSFC
- DNR
- School Trust Director

**Beneficiaries**

- 340 School Districts
- 900,000 students
It imposes legal obligations on its Trustees to:

- Manage in accordance with the Trust’s mission;
- Act with undivided loyalty;
- Make the trust assets productive; and
- Pay income to the beneficiaries.

A Trustee’s duties are non-negotiable and supersede
Federal Grants = 8.1M acres

- 1857 Enabling Act (2.9m)
- 1857 In Lieu Trust Act
- 1860 Swamp Act (4.7m)
- 1866 Internal Improvement Act (500k)

SCHOOL TRUST LANDS
THEN & NOW

2018 STL = 2.5M acres

- School – 968,000
- Swamp – 1.5 M
- Internal – 6,500
Secure the maximum long-term economic return from the school trust lands ... with sound natural resource conservation and management principles.
DIRECTOR’S ROLES

Minn. Stat. Sec. 127A.353

- Advise Governor, Executive Council, LPSFC and DNR Commissioner
- 10-year and 25-year strategic plans
- Evaluate land asset
- Determine market value of trust land assets
Advancing the school trust legacy through strategic innovation

2018-2028 Strategic Plan
STRATEGIC PLAN – FOCUS AREAS

• Operating Environment

• Fiduciary Integrity

• Innovation & Strategic Direction

• Education & Communication
WHOLE TRUST CONCEPT

- Comprehensive Asset Management Plan
- Business Plans for each Core Asset
- Diversify income opportunities
- Strategic consolidation, development and divestments
CORE FORESTRY ASSETS

Forestry Core Area Overview

Legend:
- Aspen
- Black Spruce
- Pine
- 50-Mile Buffer
- City
- Forest HBU
- County Boundary
- Native American Reservation
- BWCA
- Voyageurs National Park
- State Forest
- National Forest
- Water

Forestry Core Area Acreages:
- Total Acreage: 969,925
- Forest HBU: 431,498
- Aspen: 301,363
- Pine: 107,486
- Other Land Types: 2,585,177
- DNR Acquired: 561,767
- Federal Lease: 0

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Thank You

School Trust Strategic Plan
https://mn.gov/school-trust-lands/projects/strategic-planning/

School Trust 101
http://arcg.is/2b3u5JM