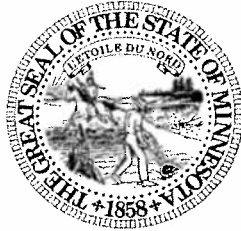


STATE OF MINNESOTA



**MARK DAYTON**  
**GOVERNOR**

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

**Ryan Vernosh**

3350 Highland Avenue  
White Bear Lake, MN 55110  
County of Ramsey  
Congressional District 4

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the office of:

**CLASSROOM TEACHER MEMBER**

**BOARD OF TEACHING**

Effective: February 2, 2013  
Term Expires: January 2, 2017

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, January 28, 2013.



  
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Governor  
  
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Secretary of State **RECEIVED**

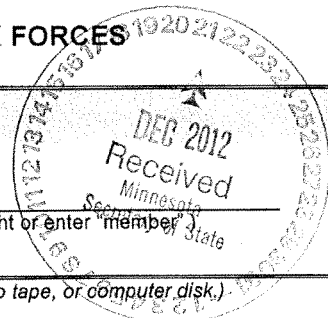
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Replacing: Kristi Delaney

**President of the Senate**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON  
STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS or TASK FORCES**

*All information on this form is available to the public upon request.*



**Part I - Tell us about the Position to which you are applying**  
*Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)*

Agency Name: MN Board of Teaching Position Sought: Member  
(Name of board, council, commission or task force.) (Membership position sought or enter member State)

*By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (for example, braille, large print, audio tape, or computer disk.)*

**Part II - Tell us about Yourself**  
*Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)*

Applicant Name: Ryan Vernosh Preferred Phone: (651) 226-6141  
(First Name) (Last Name)  
E-MAIL: ryan.vernosh@spps.org  
Preferred Mailing Address: 3350 Highland Ave County: Ramsey  
(Preferred Mailing Address)  
White Bear Lake MN 55110 MN House of Rep Dist: 43A US House of Rep Dist: 4  
(City) (State) (Zip) Find your districts by using the Poll Finder at: http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes  No  Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your application? Yes  No

*Please attach a cover letter, current resume, or other information that you feel would be helpful to the Appointing Authority.*

**Part III: OPTIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

The following information is optional and voluntary (MN Stat §15.0597 Subd. 5.)  
Information is collected for, and compiled in, the annual report on the open appointments process pursuant to MN Stat §15.0597 Subd. 7.

Sex: Female  Male  Age: 34 Disability: Yes  No  Political Party:  Democratic-Farmer-Labor  Independence  Republican  No Party Preference  Other \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? Yes  No

Race:  African American or Black  White or Caucasian  American Indian or Alaska Native  Other Race \_\_\_\_\_  Asian or Pacific Islander

**Part IV: Signature and Submittal Instructions**

I swear that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that I satisfy all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought. (\*If another person or group is nominating the applicant, the applicant's signature indicates consent to nomination.)

[Signature] (Signature of Applicant) 12/20/12 (Date)

**MAIL OR SUBMIT IN PERSON:**  
Office of Secretary of State  
Open Appointments  
180 State Office Building  
100 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd  
St. Paul, MN 55155-1299

Phone: (651) 297-5845  
Email: [open.appointments@state.mn.us](mailto:open.appointments@state.mn.us)  
Online application: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=5>

Applicants will not receive an acknowledgement of submitted applications; the appointing authority will notify you if an interview is desired.

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December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

To Whom It May Concern:

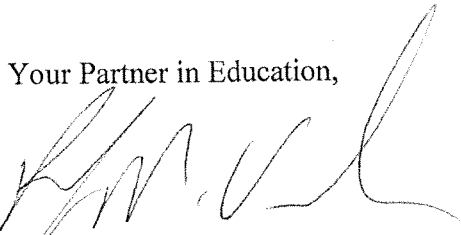
I am writing in regard to the pending openings on the Minnesota Board of Teaching. My experiences as a classroom teacher and teacher leader will be an asset to the Board of Teaching as we carry out our role working to bring about a high quality education for all of our young people of Minnesota.

Throughout my career I have taken leadership roles that involve advocating for an equitable, socially just, education for children. These roles have taken the form of chairmanships of various school committees, serving as 2010 Minnesota State Teacher of the Year and as a 2012 US Department of Education Teaching Ambassador Fellow; one of 12 chosen from across the country. Within these roles, I have traveled our state and country hearing stories of how specific policies help or hinder our teacher's capacities to reach each child in their charge.

To often teachers' voices are not authentically represented when policy issues are decided. My experience as a current Teaching Ambassador Fellow allow me to bring an enhanced teacher voice to federal level policy. Among my roles are to engage in critical conversations about the advancement of policy and the elevation of our profession with teachers across the country. I am able to bring this outreach directly to Secretary Duncan and senior staff.

Working as a Fellow, serving as Teacher of the Year, as well as the successes my students have had at a federal turnaround school will allow me to bring a balanced voice when contemplating and deciding educational issues presented to the Board of Teaching. It will be an honor to serve.

Your Partner in Education,



Ryan M. Vernosh

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# Ryan M. Vernosh

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651-226-6141

- Objective** To continue advocating for an equitable education of all children through advancement of policy initiatives focused on the elimination of the academic achievement gap.
- Education** University of Saint Thomas  
M.A., Curriculum and Instruction with ESL license September 2006 - December 2009
- University of Wisconsin Madison  
B.S., Elementary Education with early childhood license  
September 1997 - May 2002
- Minnesota Teaching Licenses** Middle Math – grade 6-8  
Kindergarten – grade 6 (Elementary)  
Kindergarten – grade 12 (English as a Second Language)  
Birth – grade 3 (Early Childhood)
- Teaching Experience** Peer Assistance Review Consulting Teacher (Saint Paul Public Schools)  
June 2012 - Present
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade math at Battle Creek Middle School (Saint Paul Public Schools)  
June 2011 – December 2011
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Maxfield Elementary School (Saint Paul Public Schools)  
August 2006 – June 2011
- School Readiness/Four year old program at Jackson Preparatory Elementary School (Saint Paul Public Schools)  
August 2004 – June 2006
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Lakeview Elementary School (Madison, WI)  
August 2002 – June 2004
- African American Ethnic Academy (Madison, WI)  
September 2000 – June 2002
- Recent Policy Advocacy**
- Meetings with U. S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan discussing legislation impacting turn-around schools
  - Meeting with Assistant Secretary of Education Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana and other United States Department of Education Senior Staff discussing turn-around school legislation
  - Meeting with Chairman of the Education and Workforce Committee Representative John Kline discussing the reauthorization of ESEA and advocating for funding for wrap-around services at high poverty schools. Several follow up contacts with Chairman Kline's chief education legislation liaison
  - Multiple meetings with Minnesota U. S. Senator Franken and staff pertaining to the reauthorization of the ESEA and STEM initiatives
  - Meetings with Minnesota State Senators Chuck Wiger and Roger Chamberlain advocating for changes to proposed education committee legislation
  - Invited testimony before Minnesota State House and State Senate education committees

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**Honors and  
Recognition**

- Named a 2012-13 US Department of Education Teaching Ambassador Fellow (May, 2012)
- Oval Office meeting with President Obama as 2010 Minnesota Teacher of the Year (May 2011)
- Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton's Recognitions: Governor's State of the State Address (February, 2011); Commendation for exemplary service to the students and communities of Minnesota (March, 2011)
- Minnesota's Candidate for 2011 National Teacher of the Year (January 2011)
- Honored with a Saint Paul City Resolution Proclamation of Ryan Vernosh Day recognizing community involvement and education services (May 2010)
- Named 2010 Minnesota State Teacher of the Year (May 2010)
- Presented a United States Flag flown over the United States Capitol in my honor from Minnesota Congresswoman Betty McCollum (May 2010)
- Featured Guest on Minnesota Public Television's *Minnesota Leaders* with Mary Hanson (December 2010)
- Four time guest on Minnesota Public Radio, *Midday* with Gary Eichten (May 2010 and August 2010, August 2011, December 2011)
- Numerous other television, print and radio media interview appearances discussing impacts of local and national legislation on classroom teaching

**Professional  
Activities**

- Northeast Metro Intermediate District 916 Keynote speaker (2011)
- Democratic Party education panel member (2011)
- Consultant for Minnesota Humanities Center (2011)
- Consultant for Osseo Area Public Schools (2011)
- Harvard Graduate School of Education: Closing the Achievement Gap Institute member (2011)
- Consultant for Saint Mary University (2011)
- University of Saint Mary – Winona's Education Club keynote speaker (2010)
- Keynote panelist and presenter to the Knowledge Is Power Program (KIPP) national conference speaking on culturally relevant pedagogy (2010)
- Published chapter in *Yes We Can! Transformative Educational Practices for Urban Schools* (2010)
- Two time co-presenter at the National Council for the Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) national conference (2008 & 2009)
- Featured presenter to Minneapolis Art Teacher council speaking on working with children from poverty (2008)
- Principal Selected Leadership Team member (2008 - 2011)
- Featured speaker at Saint Mary's University discussing gender equity in education focusing on single gender classrooms with education undergraduates (2009)
- Featured speaker at Hamline University discussing culturally relevant pedagogy with education undergraduates (2008)
- Guest speaker for three national KIPP administrator conference calls (2007 – Present)
- Featured speaker at the African American Academy of Accelerated Learning's Annual Conference (2007)
- Member of Glenn Singleton's *Beyond Diversity* training and district Equity Team (2003-2004)

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