Urban Education Network of Iowa

Educating Diverse Students in Iowa's Urban Communities
To Become Successful World Citizens
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UEN Annual Meeting & Dinner Agenda
November 18, 2026, 6 – 8:30pm
Hilton Des Moines Downtown, 435 Park Street, Des Moines, IA 50309

UEN Purpose Statement:
The Urban Education Network keeps the state's lawmakers, the media, and the public informed about the progress and problems in our state's largest and most diverse schools. The organization does this through advocacy, legislation, communications and research.

The UEN also helps to build capacity in urban education by facilitating connections between member districts to improve student academic performance and narrow achievement gaps, improve professional development; and strengthen leadership, governance, and management.

In addition, joint efforts with other state organizations and policymakers extend the UEN's influence and effectiveness outside member school districts to the broader community that will ultimately benefit from the contributions of today's urban students.

All members of the Urban Education Network help determine program priorities. For guidance, the members rely upon data retrieved from local, state, regional and national sources. In addition, specific issues arise addressing contemporary events, legislative concerns and current trends. The priorities of the UEN continually evolve, reflecting the changing needs of urban students, families and communities.

- **Welcome & Introduction of UEN Leadership:** Amy Hawkins, UEN Chair

  [as dinner is being served]

- **UEN Key Issues, State Funding and Per Pupil Revenue:** Margaret Buckton, UEN Executive Director and Ken Sturgis, ISFIS School Finance Director
- **Table Discussions and Networking**
- **Close Down the Meeting:** Amy Hawkins, UEN Chair