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**Mankato Area Public School Board Forums October 11 and 25**

Mankato, MINN (October 7, 2011) – Greater Mankato Growth (GMG) will hold two forums with the Mankato Area Public School Board candidates. Both events are open to the general public. During the forums, attendees will be encouraged to submit questions for the candidates.

The first forum is scheduled for Tuesday, **October 11**, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Dakota Meadows Middle School Media Center, and will focus on “Fiscal Considerations and Funding the District's Operations.”

The second is on Tuesday, **October 25**, from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Mankato East Junior High Media Center, and will focus on “Student Achievement and Success.”

GMG is also helping voters get to know more about the candidates by posting information on the Greater Mankato website at [greatermankatoelections.com](http://greatermankatoelections.com). The information was provided directly from the candidates, who responded to a survey conducted by GMG that included both biographic and profile questions.

“When we promote the benefits of Greater Mankato, one of the most significant assets we tout is our outstanding educational system, so this is an important election,” said GMG President & CEO Jonathan Zierdt. “Every vote is particularly important in a school board election, because rather than two candidates running against each another, all candidates are competing collectively for a set number of seats. You can vote for one or more candidates of your choice, with top vote getters, elected to the open seats.”

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