

## K-12 Education Committee

### FY2024/25 Term Report & FY2026/27 Work Plan

#### Committee Chair(s) and Vice Chair(s):

**Chair:** Shana Crosson,  
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**Vice Chair:** Open

#### FY2024/25 GAC Term Report

*Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25: July 2023 - June 2025*

#### GAC Priorities Owned by the Committee

*GAC priority projects and initiatives that the committee was responsible for during the term.*

- The K-12 Education Committee is responsible for the Outreach, K-12 GIS Resources Priority.

#### Accomplishments

This was the initial year of the K-12 Committee. Accomplishments include:

- Initial determination of goals and scope of the committee
- Developed a plan for the year
- Initial conversations with educators and administrators about barriers for GIS integration
- Presented at GIS/LIS Conference in October 2024
- Tabled at GEOFEST in October 2024
- Reviewed existing resources in the state

#### Recommendations

*Recommendations for the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office (MnGeo) to support the Committee's goals.*

MnGeo has provided excellent support in our initial year. Ongoing, it may be helpful to have MnGeo facilitate introductions to resources within state government and/or other areas.

## Additional Comments

The committee met regularly through December 2024. The chair was out on medical leave from January - May 2025, so work slowed. The committee is picking up the work again.

## FY2026/27 GAC Term Work Plan

*FY2026/27: July 2025 - June 2027*

### GAC Priorities Owned by the Committee

*GAC priority projects and initiatives that the committee is to be responsible for during the upcoming term – these may be subject to change based on results of the term's priorities survey.*

- The K-12 Education Committee is responsible for the Outreach, K-12 GIS Resources Priority.

### Planned Activities and Deliverables

- The committee plans to continue its exploration of available GIS resources for K-12 education
- Determine gaps in available resources
- Additional discussion with teachers and administrators about desired resources
- Develop a plan to create additional resources

### Roles and Responsibilities

- Chair: the Chair will call meetings, prepare agenda with input of the committee, submit reports to the GAC
- Vice-Chair: will cover these responsibilities in the absence of the Chair
- Committee members will attend meetings and develop workplans

### Existing Resources

- The committee has connected with other resources, including GIS/LIS, U-Spatial and other organizations and individuals working in this area

### Committee and Subgroup Needs

- Continue to develop relationships with K-12 to determine needs and interest

### Risks

- That no one is interested in participating in this committee
- That there is no demonstrated need for these resources in the community
- Teachers may have technological and organizational challenges that prevent successful use of these resources in classrooms

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