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Minnesota Capitol

Jesse James and Diana Vogt attended the Day on the Hill. We rode up with Kari Blum, Frank Hass, John Lambert, and Pamela Walton from LaCrescent Minnesota. MSEA in partnership with AFSCME Co. 65 held our annual Day on the Hill on March 2, 2011. Fifty three MSEA members and guests from across the state participated in this successful event! Speakers were MSEA President Evan Mapes and Executive Director Christina Clark along with Kim Dupre from Wisconsin about their struggle to maintain their collective bargaining rights. We were reminded that it is only Governor Dayton's veto that keeps us from facing the same challenge.

In the afternoon we boarded buses to the Capitol to begin our day. Representative Mary Murphy joined us there for a detailed update on pensions and Senator Tony Lourey provided an interesting perspective on a number of the anti-worker bills currently pending in the House. Jesse and I met with our local legislators Rep. Tina Liebling, Senator Carla Nelson and Rep. Mike Benson telling them who we are and sharing our concerns. What a fulfilling day it was.

Please help build our presence by contacting our local legislators and telling them who we are, sharing your concerns and your stories.

Next year consider joining MSEA for DAY ON THE HILL in 2012. We need your voice now more than ever!