

Senator Philip Murphy (D) District 20

Senator Murphy has been in the North Dakota State Assembly since 2010, where his current committee assignments include Industry, Business and Labor, and Natural Resources. He is a board member of the Mayville Golf Course; a board member and officer for Viking Township; and a volunteer firefighter. He currently holds a two-year Bush Fellowship to further the advancement of Early Childhood Education and Quality Childcare in ND.

He holds an MA in counseling from North Dakota State University and BA's in history and economics from St. John's University. He was ND Geography Teacher of the year in 2008, and U.S. National Council's Distinguished Teacher of the Year in 2009.

In May Senator Murphy retired from a 36-year career as a teacher. He enjoys fishing and hunting and serves as a golf coach in his spare time. Phil suffers from rampant dandelion infestations both at home and at the lake.

Senator Murphy and his wife Michelle (Shelly) have 3 children.