

March 3, 2022

Governor Tim Walz & Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan
130 State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Updates to the K-12 Education Tax Credit in Your Supplemental Budget

Dear Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan,

Thank you for including much-needed and long-overdue updates to the K-12 Education Tax Credit in your supplemental budget.

It has now been 25 years since the income limit for the maximum credit was last changed in 1997. That's why I was thrilled to see you propose increasing the income limit to \$70,000 in your supplemental budget, which would benefit 38,600 Minnesota families.

The K-12 Education Tax Credit helps families pay for afterschool and summer programs along with computers for school.

The tax credit has made a significant impact in our community and allowed our business to change so many lives through providing education services these families were not able to afford or have access to in the past. Increasing the income limit would definitely allow more low income families to help their other children attend and enroll in our programs as well. So many families are struggling and above the current income levels and do not qualify and have to be turned away.

I strongly urge you to continue advocating for and prioritizing this proposal as budget negotiations progress over the course the legislative session while working with the bipartisan group of House and Senate members who have introduced their own proposals to update this tax credit.

I've personally seen the impact this tax credit can have on low-income students throughout our great state. I believe in making these timely updates so more families and students can benefit from this important tool.

Sincerely,

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Rep. Paul Marquart, Chair, House Tax Committee
Sen. Ann Rest, Ranking Member, Senate Tax Committee
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Sen. Justin Eichorn
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