



February 21, 2022 - RE: Updates to the K-12 Education Tax Credit in Your Supplemental Budget

Governor Tim Walz & Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan

130 State Capitol

St. Paul, MN 55155

Sent via Electronic Mail

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.

This tax credit has opened the doors for us to serve so many families with large academic needs who otherwise may not have been able to afford our services. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected many students and our academic tutoring services are needed now more than ever. If the income limit were to increase to \$70,000, the number of families who could benefit from this much needed academic support would dramatically increase. Please allow us to continue to support our education system by providing this life changing personalized tutoring!

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,

Jake Engstrand – Area Director – Sylvan Learning Centers

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