



# Minnesota Education Policy Committee

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

12:30 p.m.

Room 1200

## Agenda

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1. Call to Order
2. Opening Remarks
3. Senate File 13: Senator Champion Presents
  - i. A bill for an act relating to state government; recognizing Juneteenth, June 19, as a state holiday; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 10.55; 645.44, subdivision 5.
  - ii. Testifiers
    1. Adosh Unni, JD, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Education
4. Senate File 123: Senator Heather Gustafson Presents
  - i. A bill for an act relating to education; providing for school lunch and breakfast for all students; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 124D.111, subdivisions 1a, 4; 124D.1158, subdivisions 1, 3, 4.
  - ii. Testifiers
    1. Bukata Hayes, Vice President, Racial and Health Equity & Chief Equity Officer at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota and co-chair of the Hunger Free Schools Campaign
    2. Dr. Gigi Chawla, MD, MHA, Chief of General Pediatrics at Children's Minnesota
    3. Wonser Mongrue, Student, White Bear Lake Area High School
    4. Adosh Unni, JD, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Education
    5. Shanella Barnes, Educational Assistant at Journeys Secondary School
    6. Matt Shaver, Policy Director at Ed Allies
    7. Lori Smith, food service worker from St. Cloud (Hybrid)
5. Senate File 50: Senator Cwodzinski Presents
  - i. A bill for an act relating to education finance; requiring school districts to provide access to menstrual products for students; increasing operating capital aid to fund school district purchases of menstrual products; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 121A.21; 126C.10, subdivisions 13, 13a, 14.
  - ii. Testifiers
    1. Elif Ozturk, Junior, Hopkins High School
    2. Halimah Abdullah, Student, Southwest High School
    3. Nurah Muhammad, Student, Osseo High School
    4. Tori Robarge, Graduate of Eagan High School
    5. Maarit Mattson, Student, Mankato East High School (Hybrid)
    6. Amanda Adams, Teacher, Eagan High School
    7. Dr. Thomas Stinson, RN, Licensed School Nurse, Harding High School
    8. Karlyn D'Averill, RN, Licensed School Nurse, District 287
    9. Kara Cowell, Student, St. Cloud State University PERIOD Chapter President
    10. Madigan Webb, Student, Edina High School
6. Additional business
7. Adjournment

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