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Dear Members of the Senate Education Policy Committee:

MESPA represents over 900 elementary principals throughout Minnesota. This letter is in strong support of the confirmation of Willie Jett as Commissioner of Education.

As you are well aware, Mr. Jett has experience as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and college instructor. He has experience in metropolitan schools as well as schools in greater Minnesota. He has keen interests in leadership development, culturally responsive schools, recruitment, retention, strategic planning and ethical communication. With his background and experience, Mr. Jett has the tools to effectively lead the Department of Education and to support Minnesota's teachers and principals.

We were quite encouraged by the Governor's selection of Willie Jett. He has the respect and confidence of school principals throughout Minnesota.

We believe he will effectively lead the Minnesota Department of Education. MESPA strongly recommends that you confirm his appointment.

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