

Dear Senate Education Finance Committee Members:

The Minnesota Developmental Adapted Physical Education Leadership Committee (MNDAPE), is writing in support of the Senate Education Policy Bill, SF 1090, delaying the review of the academic standards and benchmarks in physical education until the 2026-2027 school year.

Our organization was heavily involved with MDE in the development of the 2018 K-12 Academic Standards in Physical Education; as well as serving as part of the MDE Physical Education Standards Leadership Team in the design of the professional development plan to prepare teachers for standard implementation.

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student learning, the 2021 K-12 Education Omnibus Bill suspended any implementation of revised academic standards in physical education from the 2021-22 school year until June 1, 2023. Current legislation identifies that the physical education standard revision cycle is the 2022-23 school year. The proposed change in the standard revision cycle simply changes the revision timeline so we are not revising standards that have yet to be implemented. Initiating a revision process for the standards before they are implemented would send a confusing message to the teachers in the field and also take up valuable time for teachers volunteering to be committee members when they should be in the classroom in the first year of implementing the new standards.

Thank you for your consideration,

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