

Hello and thank you for your dedication to Minnesota!

I am a resident of Eden Prairie and a parent of three. I am writing to encourage you to change some of the language you currently have in HF 1269 and SF 1311. The current language will make the PSEO model in Minnesota more difficult to participate in for the average learner.

I have three children. My middle child was able to take advantage of PSEO through the University of Northwestern in St. Paul, even though he was a very average student in high school. This experience set him up for a fantastic college experience. He graduated college in 2020 Magna Cum Laude, with a double major, and earlier than expected. His success was because of the onsite PSEO option he had at his high school.

The PSEO model at his school provided an average student with the framework that allowed him to far exceed expectations in college. At his private high school, Southwest Christian High School, the teachers are adjunct professors for universities allowing them to teach PSEO classes on-site. As an average student, he would not have been able to handle college classes online or outside of a high school environment.

Not allowing this program through our Minnesota liberal arts schools will not harm the 4.0 students that can handle the disruption of PSEO. Nor will it harm the self-starters who can organize themselves to do online. **It will hurt the average student, who utilizes the model of the PSEO being taught on-site at the schools they attend.** Most of these universities have faith statements for their ATTENDING students, not their PSEO students. My son did not have to sign a statement of faith to participate. However, the way the bill is currently written, future students would not be able to participate in this program.

I ask that you reject this bill. **It will limit potential of average high school students, increase student debt and decrease options for students in Minnesota.**

Thank you for your consideration of removing the language regarding faith statements and allowing all our students who are capable, to participate in the great PSEO model that we have had for many years in Minnesota.

Regards,
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