



# Minnesota Senate Education Policy Committee

Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

12:30 p.m.

Room 1200

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## **Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Senate File 911: Senator Morrison Presents
  - i. A bill for an act relating to transportation; governing policy provisions on school-related active transportation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 123B.90, subdivision 2; 169.14, subdivision 5a, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 123B.
    1. Testifiers:
      - a. Dorian Grilley, Executive Director, Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota
3. Senate File 2500: Senator Hoffman Presents
  - i. A bill for an act relating to education; allowing high school students to earn elective credits through employment with certain health care providers; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D.
    1. Testifiers:
      - a. Tara Erickson, Best Life Alliance, Disability Service Coalition
      - b. Nicole Mattson, Long Term Care Imperative
4. Senate File 2373: Senator Kunesh Presents
  - i. A bill for an act relating to early childhood; removing obsolete language from voluntary prekindergarten statutes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.151, subdivision 5.
5. Senate File 2377: Senator Kunesh Presents
  - i. A bill for an act relating to early childhood; removing obsolete language from early childhood family education statutes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.135, subdivision 1.
6. Senate File 60: Senator Kunesh Presents
  - i. A bill for an act relating to education; allowing educational data sharing with Tribal nations about Tribally enrolled or descendent students; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 13.32, subdivision 3.
    1. Testifiers:
      - a. Adosh Unni, Government Relations Director, Minnesota Department of Education
      - b. Irene Folstrom, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
7. Senate File 680: Senator Cwodzinski Presents
  - i. A bill for an act relating to education; modifying provisions for teacher preparation time; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 122A.50.
    1. Testifiers:
      - a. Ginger Williams, English Language Arts teacher, Moorhead Public Schools
      - b. John Bartholow, Social Studies teacher, Winona

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- c. Chris Triggs, Principal, Robert Asp Elementary, Moorhead Public Schools
- d. Chuck Ochocki, Principal, South St. Paul High School
- e. Crystal Brakke, Richfield School Board Member, the chair of AMSD
- f. Sam Walseth, MN Rural Education Association
- g. Erick Norby, Principal, Robbinsdale Armstrong High School (Hybrid)

8. Senate File 1273: Senator Maye Quade Presents

- i. A bill for an act relating to education; requiring schools to use approved literacy curriculum; requiring literacy specialists; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 120B.12, subdivisions 1, 4a, 5; 122A.06, subdivision 4; 124D.98, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B.

1. Testifiers:

- a. Maria Roberts, Wilshire Park Principal, New Brighton, MN (Hybrid)
- b. Kate Skippel, SD 197, Eagan and Mendota Heights
- c. Justin Killian, Education Minnesota
- d. Khulia Pringle, Parent and Community Advocate
- e. Barb Duffin, Mahtomedi Superintendent
- f. Lucy Payne, Mahtomedi School Board Member & PESBL Board Member
- g. Wendy Stuttgen, Associate Director of Literacy, Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement (CAERI) University of Minnesota (Hybrid)
- h. Nafeesah Muhammad, Educators For Excellence Minnesota, Deputy Director of Campaigns (Hybrid)
- i. Charlie Tirey, Educators For Excellence Minnesota, Organizer (Hybrid)
- j. Dr. Justin Killian, Policy and Research, Education Minnesota (in-person)
- k. Emilia Kalsheur, Structured literacy, Special educator, Rochester school district
- l. Malachi Johnson, teacher of color, advocate for students of color
- m. Adosh Unni, Government Relations Director, Minnesota Department of Education
- n. Dr. George G. Hruby, Associate Research Professor, Director of Collaborative Center for Literacy Development

9. Adjournment

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