

Education Finance Committee  
Thursday, January 26, 2023  
8:30 AM Livestream YouTube

### Minutes

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**Present:** Senator Mary K. Kunesh - Chair, Senator Heather Gustafson - Vice Chair, Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Senator Robert D. Farnsworth, Senator Michael E. Kreun, Senator Eric Lucero, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Jason Rarick, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin

**Absent:** No Members Absent

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Senator Mary K. Kunesh called the meeting to order at 8:31 am

**S.F. 69:** Senator Mann: Dismissal prohibition of students in kindergarten through grade 3.

**Testifiers:** Tonya Draughn Executive Director Uplift MN/L.I.F.T. to End Poverty, Khulia Pringle National Parents Union, Bernadeia Johnson MN State University Mankato, Josh Crosson Executive Direct EdAllies, Mina Lein, Special Education Teacher Minneapolis Public Schools, Idil Abdull Parent Advocate, Nancy Antoine Elementary Principal Northfield MN, Jason Luksik Elementary Principal Bemidji

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 69, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.  
- MOTION PREVAILED.

**S.F. 123:** Senator Gustafson: School lunch and breakfast provision for all students.

Senator Gustafson moved a-3 amendment, voice vote was taken, amendment passed.  
Senator Gustafson moved a-4 amendment, voice vote was taken, amendment passed.

**Testifiers:** Colleen Moriarty Executive Director Hunger Solutions Minnesota, Dr. Sarah Jerstad, Medical Director of Behavioral Health Services at Children's Hospital, Amber Lightfeather, parent from Duluth, Mandi Jung, School teacher in St. Paul, Darcy Stueber, MN School Nutrition Association, Wonser Mongrue student in White Bear Lake

Senator Gustafson moved that S.F. 123, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Finance Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am



Senator Mary Kunesh, Chair



Sami Rajab, Legislative Assistant