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Senator Mary Kunesch, Chair

Education Finance

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Dear Chair Kunesch and Education Finance Committee Members,

We are reaching out on behalf of St. Cloud Technical High School in the St. Cloud school district to show our support for SF 494, Senator Putnam's bill to allocate funding to additional Minnesota schools so they can implement the Building Assets, Reducing Risks (BARR) system.

St. Cloud Tech has benefited greatly since implementing the BARR system in the 2018-19 school year through a federal research grant. As part of the grant, in the first year BARR was implemented with a limited number of 9th-grade students. Now seniors, **84% of BARR students are on track for graduation compared with 70% of non-BARR students.** BARR allows us to leverage data and relationships so that all students are seen and supported.

Furthermore, through BARR systems, we've engaged our students directly in their data to promote achievement and *to create a safe, healthy responsive environment so that every student, regardless of race, ethnicity, or economic status has access to a high-quality education where adults know them, recognize their strengths, and help them succeed.*

We are grateful to Senator Putnam for taking up this important issue. Thank you for the opportunity to share our support.

Please support SF 494. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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