



Senator Mary Kunesh, Chair  
Education Finance  
January 31, 2023

Dear Chair Kunesh and Education Finance Committee Members,

We are reaching out on behalf of Marshall High School in the Marshall Public School District to express support for SF 494, Senator Putnam's bill to allocate funding so additional Minnesota educators and students can benefit from the Building Assets, Reducing Risks (BARR) system.

Since Marshall High School began BARR implementation in the 2020-2021 school year, we have been closely monitoring passing rates on a weekly basis. Through the meeting system that BARR helped us put in place, we are now able to intervene quickly and effectively with students who are failing one or more courses. As a result, **our weekly average passing rate has improved from 71% in the 2020-21 school year to 87% this school year.**

BARR is a framework that is focused on the whole student and on building community, and it helps us connect students with support services.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Jones".

Brian Jones  
Principal