



# White Bear Lake Area High School North Campus

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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 to you on behalf of White Bear Lakes High School in the White Bear Lakes school district to express support for SF 494, Senator Putnam's bill to allocate funding for more Minnesota educators and students to benefit from the BARR system.

BARR provided us with training, coaching, and materials for how to support each and every student in an efficient and effective manner.

As a result, **we have seen reoccurring discipline issues go down and passing rates go up.** Students feel seen and understood in a way that has never happened before. With our success at the high school, White Bear Lake district has expanded BARR into both middle schools and three elementary schools with similar results. With state funding, we could ensure the remaining elementary schools can also adopt BARR to become a K-12, district-wide success system.

We are grateful to Senator Putnam for taking up this important issue. Thank you for the opportunity to share our support of SF 494.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Principal  
BARR Administrator

Amanda Schroeder  
Teacher, BARR Coordinator

Angela Nelson  
Principal