



Minnesota Education Finance Committee

Tuesday, February 14th, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Room 1150

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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. S.F. 619 Kunesh Teachers of Color Act modification and appropriation
 - i. Testifiers
 1. **Hannah Putnam**, National Council on Teacher Quality (remote)
 2. **Alfrieda Baldwin**, Chair of the board of TakeCharge MN (in-person)
 3. Youth Past Testifiers Video
 4. **Dr. Theresa Battle**, Superintendent, Burnsville District 191 (in-person)
 5. **Sarah Lancaster**, 1st Grade Teacher, Onamia School District, and 2022 MN Teacher of the Year (remote)
 6. **Mariah Valenzuela**, Student at South H.S., Minneapolis (remote)
 7. **Angelica Torralba-Olague**, Teacher, South H.S., Minneapolis Public Schools (remote)
 8. **Darla Warren**, Teacher, Mahnommen High School; Teacher Candidate, Bemidji State (remote)
 9. **Vincent Thomas** Teacher Candidate, Metro State University (remote)
 10. **Violeta Hernández Espinosa**, Coordinator of Equity and Inclusion, Independent School District 196 (in-person)
 11. **Laura Mogelson-MN**, Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (in-person)

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12. **Sariyah Crawford**, Senior at Duluth Denfeld High School
(remote)
 13. **Dr. Gabriela Theis**, 4th grade teacher at Lowell
Elementary, Duluth (remote)
 14. **Paula Cole**, Educators for Excellence (remote)
 15. **Paul Spies PhD**, Legislative Action Team Lead, Coalition
to Increase Teachers of Color and American Indian
Teachers in MN (in-person)
3. S.F. 865 Westlin Minnesota Council on Economic Education ongoing grants authorization and appropriation.
- i. Testifiers
 1. **Dr. Julie Bunn**, Executive Director, MN Council on Economic Education (MCEE) (in-person)
 2. **Joel Coleman**, Social Studies Teacher, Ubah Medical Academy Charter School, Hopkins (in-person)
 3. **Samia Osman**, Student at UMN Law School, Former Student Ubah Medical Academy (in-person)
 4. **Jessie (Xinyeu) Zong**, K-5 Teacher, St Paul Public Schools (in-person)
 5. **Rayce Hardy**, Social Studies Teacher Austin High School, and Riverland Community College, Austin (remote)
 6. **Dr. Kristine West**, Director, MCEE affiliated Center for Diversity in Economics, and Associate Professor, St Catherine University. Former Washburn High School Teacher, Minneapolis (in-person)
 7. **Karriona Drain**, Student at St Catherine University who participated in MCEE programming while in high school (in-person)
4. Adjournment

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