



Minnesota Education Finance Committee

Thursday, March 2nd, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Room 1150

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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. S.F. 0865 Westlin Minnesota Council on Economic Education ongoing grants authorization and appropriation.
 - i. Testifiers
 1. Dr. Julie Bunn, Executive Director, MN Council on Economic Education (in-person)
 2. Rayce Hardy, Social Studies Teacher Austin High School, and Riverland Community College, Austin (remote)
 3. Jessie (Xinyue) Zong, K-5 Teacher, St Paul Public Schools (remote)
3. S.F. 1719 Putnam Education partnership program modification.
 - i. Testifiers
 1. Ekram Elmoge - Family Engagement Manager United Way Central Minnesota (in-person)
 2. Tiffany Scott Knox – Director of Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood (in-person)
 3. Julie Ruzek - Executive Director Cradle 2 Career (in-person)
4. S.F. 1270 Cwodzinski Reach Out and Read Minnesota program grant appropriation.
 - i. Testifiers
 1. Kris Hoplin, Executive Director of Reach Out and Read Minnesota (in-person)

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2. Dr. Pamela Gigi Chawla, Chief of General Pediatrics at Children's Minnesota and Reach Out and Read Minnesota's Medical Director (remote)
5. S.F. 0020 Kunesh Full-service community schools appropriation.
 - i. Testifiers
 1. Deanna Hron, Deer River Full-Service Community Schools (remote)
 2. Becky Stromstad, 3rd Grade Teacher, St. Paul Academy, Saint Paul Public Schools (in-person)
 3. Nuhu Sims, Brooklyn Center Community Schools, Director of Equity (remote)
6. Adjournment