



# Minnesota Education Finance Committee

Tuesday, March 7th, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Room 1150

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## **Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. S.F. 1881 Kunesh General education basic formula allowance increase; class size reduction money direction; appropriating money
  - i. Testifiers
    1. Greta Callahan, Kindergarten teacher, President of Minneapolis Federation of Teachers (in-person)
    2. Steve Olson, World History Teacher, Chaska High School
    3. Deb Henton, Executive Director of the MN Association of School Administrators (in-person)
3. S.F. 0449 Gustafson Comprehensive school mental health services lead positions establishment and appropriation
  - i. Testifiers
    1. Amy Jones, Chief Executive Officer for ABJ Educational Consulting
4. S.F. 1318 Mann School employee health insurance authorization; nonlicensed school personnel minimum starting salary increase; paid orientation and professional development for paraprofessionals authorization; appropriating money
  - i. Testifiers
    1. Dave Kamper, Economic Policy Institute (remote)
    2. Annie Gibson, Paraprofessional, South Washington County Public Schools (in-person)
    3. Sara Rapp, Cook, Hastings High School (in-person)

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4. Caroline Long, Special Education Teacher, Minneapolis Public Schools, Robbinsdale School Board Member (in-person)
5. Mary Burroughs, SPHR, executive director of human resources, Bloomington Public Schools
5. S.F. 1240 Putnam Support staff persons requirement for early childhood family education programs
  - i. Testifiers
    1. Sara McKeever, Early Childhood Family Specialist Licensed Parent Educator (in-person)
    2. Dr. Monica Potter -ECFE Supervisor for St. Paul Public Schools (in-person)
6. S.F. 1655 Rarick Average daily membership minimum hours for a disabled kindergartner pupil alignment to those other kindergarten pupils
  - i. Testifiers
    1. Adosh Unni, J.D. Director of Government Relations
7. Adjournment

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