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Senator Kunesh and E-12 Finance Committee Members,

Thank you very much for including BARR's legislation, SF 494, in the E-12 finance omnibus bill! While the immediate impact of this bill will be on our schools, the state will also benefit as more students graduate and more teachers find increased satisfaction in their profession.

You've heard me express my commitment to evidence-based systems in education – it's why I spent more than 20 years and \$40M researching and testing BARR. It's highly effective. That's why more than 80 Minnesota schools have expressed interest in the BARR system. Furthermore, so have several national groups such as NCSL, the Education Commission of States, and Council of State Governments.

It's critical that teachers know that the tools, resources, and systems they're given to use have been proven to work! It's what they deserve as professionals and it is what students deserve, too.

I know SF 494 is just one of the many important bills you've invested your time, energy, and heart in this session, and it will be a game changer for over 30,000 students and 1,500 educators in 18 schools in Minnesota.

Thank you for your service, dedication and leadership. Please contact me anytime I may be of help as you navigate passage of your historic and transformative omnibus education finance bill.

My best,

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