



Minnesota Senate Education Policy Committee

Wednesday, April 17th, 2024

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Room 1200 MSB

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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Remarks

All Star Day

i. Speakers

- Shannon Seaver, Co-lead of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) department, Edina Public Schools, Tekne Tech Educator of the Year
- Sarah Dallum, 5th grade teacher at Valley View Elementary, Bloomington Public Schools, 2024 Teacher of the year finalist
- Leah Hood, Art teacher, Lakeville S. High School, MN Human Rights Award
- Joe Gothard, St. Paul Public Schools, National Superintendent of the Year
- Leigh Feily, School Psychologist of the Year, Edina Public Schools
- Mindy Chevalier, Principal of the Year, Assistant principal, Belle Plaine Public Schools
- Laura Jensen, Hopkins North Middle School, 7th grade Language Arts and Literature teacher, 2024 Teacher of the Year finalist
- Eric Sawatzke, Mn Ag Educator of the year, West Central Area Public Schools
- Nyisha Williams, Hopkins School District Director of Transportation, 2023 recipient Holly Hoglund Klein Award
- Laura Jensen, reading teacher, GSA advisor, district community LGBTQ+ liaison Hopkins North Middle School, teacher of the year finalist
- Derek Anderson, Northstar Bus Driver, 2023 MN Association of Pupil Transportation, Special Education Driver of the year
- Rachel Lund, Elementary School Counselor of the Year, Garden City Schools
- Tanya Shroyer, Middle School Counselor of the Year, Pipestone Area Schools
- Tara Thukral, Director of Teaching and Learning, Columbia Heights Public Schools.
- Todd Travis, Special Education Administrator of the Year, Director of Special Education, Midwest Special Education Cooperative
- Lida Casper, Coordinator of Community Partnerships, Rochester Public Schools

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- Lynn Jennissen,
Minnesota Assistant
Principal of the Year, St.
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Middle School West

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