



Minnesota Education Finance Committee

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

8:30 a.m.

Room 1150

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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Senator Kunesch's S.F. 4107
 - i. Testifiers
 1. Dr. Yelena Bailey, Executive Director, PELSB
 2. Azomali Obisakin (Awe-so-ma-lee O-bee-sha-kin), 5th Grade Student, St. Paul
 3. Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage; MN Council on Latino Affairs; Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans
 - a. Linda Sloan
 - b. Katya Zepeda
 - c. Andrew Morris
 4. Roberta Hernandez, Teacher, Roseville (remote)
 5. Angelina Momanyi, Former K12 Teacher; Adjunct Faculty, Augsburg; Doctoral candidate and graduate instructor—Univ of MN (remote)
 6. Teachers, Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan District 196
 - a. Rachel Angrimson (remote)
 - b. Shalynn Riddick (remote)
 7. Niambi Jackson (Knee-ahm-bee), Elementary Education teacher candidate, U of MN Grow Your Own Teachers program (remote)
 8. Natalia Benjamin, 2021 MN Teacher of the Year, Rochester Public Schools (remote)
3. Senator Mann's S.F. 2618
 - i. Testifiers
 1. Dr. Kristen Hengtgen, The Education Trust (remote)
 2. Dr. Megan Austin, Principal Researcher, American Institutes for Research
 3. David Gundale, Principal, Open World Learning Community SPPS (remote)
 4. Megan Hall, Teacher, Open World Learning Community (remote)
 5. Elijah Stende, Student, Open World Learning Community (remote)
 6. Matt Shaver, Policy Director, Ed Allies

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4. Senator Cwodzinski's S.F. 3995

i. Testifiers

1. Jim Davnie, Executive Director, Minnesota Alliance with Youth
2. Meleah Fallon, Healthy Community Initiative, Rice County
3. Coleman McDonough, principal, Norse Area Learning Center, North Branch Public Schools

5. Senator Maye Quade's S.F. 4192

6. Adjournment

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