



INSPIRING THE CREATORS OF TOMORROW

March 25, 2024

RE: Support for House Bill 3492- Computer Science Education Advancement Program

Dear Legislators,

My name is Jake Seely and I am a resident of Minnesota and a parent to two students who attend a MN public school. I also work directly with educators across the state assisting with the adoption of computer science curriculum. It is because of these relationships and experiences that I am writing today in support of House Bill 3492.

Computer science is a vital part of our education system. At its core, it teaches students to think critically and work together more collaboratively with their peers. It unlocks creativity and provides the opportunity to grow the skill sets that our children will need for the future. Computer science is one of the fastest growing technology fields, yet we do not currently have enough graduates to fill these positions in our state. Investing in computer science education will open up career opportunities for many students. HB 3492 will allow school districts to apply for funding to unlock computer science and give students exposure to this field.

I support HB 3492 because it will expand computer science education in Minnesota. It will allow schools and districts to expand and adapt their computer science curriculum to keep pace with this quickly changing field. It will give students the opportunity to expand their learning and continue developing their skills in the areas that will open doors of opportunity to the future of 21st-century tech.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jake Seely", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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