

Minnesota State Senate

Education Finance Committee
Tuesday, January 28, 2025
8:30 AM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Mary K. Kunesh - **Chair**, Senator Jason Rarick - **Chair**, Senator Robert D. Farnsworth - **Vice Chair**, Senator Heather Gustafson - **Vice Chair**, Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Senator Karin Housley, Senator Michael E. Kreun, Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Eric Lucero, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Mary Kunesh called the meeting to order at 8:35 am

Call to Order

- Student Attendance Pilot Program Update**
- a. Colleen Kabel, Director of Student Retention & Recovery, Minneapolis Public Schools
 - b. Bondo Nyembwe, Associate Superintendent, Columbia Heights Public Schools
 - c. Mark Morrison, Superintendent, Chisholm public Schools (Remote)
 - d. Anji McAndrews, Director of Student Engagement and School Climate, Rochester Public Schools.

The following individuals testified on Student Attendance Pilot Program Update:
Colleen Kabel, Director of Student Retention & Recovery, Minneapolis Public Schools
Bondo Nyembwe, Associate Superintendent, Columbia Heights Public Schools
Mark Morrison, Superintendent, Chisholm public Schools (Remote)
Anji McAndrews, Director of Student Engagement and School Climate, Rochester Public Schools

S.F. 133: Senator Weber: Student support personnel aid allowable uses expansion.

The following individuals testified on S.F.0133:
Dr. Amber Bruns, Clinical Director of Behavioral Health Services, Southwest West Central Service Cooperative
Dr. Noel Schmidt, Superintendent, Rock Ridge Schools
Jeff Burgess, Superintendent, Mesabi East Schools (Remote)
Julia Messenger, School Social Worker, MN School Social Workers Association Representative (Remote)
Calli Moreau, M.A., NCC, Board Chair, MN School Councilor Association, Licensed School Councilor, White Bear Lake Schools (Remote)
Kate Lynne Snyder, Education Minnesota, Lobbyist

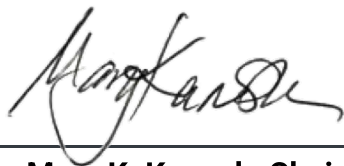
Senator Rarick moved that S.F. 133, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Student Attendance and Truancy Legislative Study Group Report Presented by: Nick Nigro, Research Analyst for the Legislative Coordinating Commission.

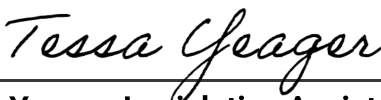
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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am



Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Chair



Tessa Yeager, Legislative Assistant