



Minnesota Senate

Committee on Education Finance

Minnesota Senate Building 1150

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

8:30 – 10:30 am

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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Presentations of Minnesota's Independent and Faith-Based Schools
 - a. Meg Forgette, Associate Director of Educational Quality & Excellence, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
 - b. Tricia Menzhuber, Principal. John Paul II Catholic School
 - c. Andrew Hilliker, President, Stella Maris Academy (**Remote**)
 - d. Russ Gregg, Founder and Head of School, Hope Academy
 - e. Quentin Moore, Vice President of Advancement, Ascension Catholic Academy
 - f. Joshua Blonski, Dean of Students, St. Agnes School
 - g. Dan Beckering, Principal, Southwest Christian High School
 - h. Tim Benz, President, MINNDEPENDENT
 - i. Dean Jennissen, Principal/Teacher, Immanuel Lutheran Church & School (**Remote after 9:30am**)
 - j. Anne Neilitz, Principal, Prince of Peace Lutheran School (**Remote after 10:00am**)
 - k. Anthony Pisapia, Head of School, Marshall School (Duluth)
 - l. Dr. Lori-Anne Brogdon, Vice-President of Learning/Head of School, Groves Learning Organization (**Remote**)
 - m. Jackie Smith, Principal, Heilicher

n. Dr. Karen Balmer, Lower School
Principal, Minnehaha Academy

o. Dr. Bill Hudson, Head of School,
Mounds Park Academy
(Remote)

p. Melissa A. Marti, Principal,
Queen of Peace Catholic
School (Cloquet) **(Remote)**

3. Adjourn