

March 11, 2025

Senator Kunesh, Chair
Senate Education Finance Committee Members
75 Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Kunesh and Members:

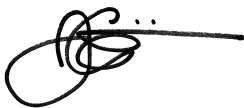
The **Minnesota Association of Charter Schools (MACS)**, a membership organization of chartered public schools from across the state. MACS advocates for students in charter schools, supports charter school innovation, quality and accountability, and facilitates cooperation in Minnesota's charter school community to promote equitable opportunities and excellence in education for students.

MACS supports SF1275, which ties extended time revenue funding to increases in inflation. Extended time revenue provides funding for critical programming such as extended day learning as well as spring and summer programming. The research is conclusive. These programs can be essential for mitigating opportunity gaps. They can provide high-quality learning programs that counteract well-documented phenomena like the "summer slide" that occurs when students otherwise wouldn't have access to remediation or enrichment.

MACS supports any proposed legislation to increase to the extended time revenue program. We also want to take the opportunity to highlight the inequity in extended time revenue. While chartered public schools on average serve more students living in poverty than traditional districts (59% versus 42% comparatively), they can only access 25% of the funding traditional districts receive. This results in many chartered public schools not being able to provide extended time revenue programming.

We respectfully request you address this inequity by providing chartered public school students equal access to full extended time revenue funding. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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