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8:30 am – 10:30 am

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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Tribal Contract Schools Presentation
 - a. Dan McKeon, School Director, Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (REMOTE)
 - b. Tara L Dupuis, Superintendent, Fond du Lac Ojibwe School (REMOTE)
 - c. Bella Forneris, Student, Fond du Lac Ojibwe School (REMOTE)
 - d. Kenny Bosto, Student, Fond du Lac Ojibwe School (REMOTE)
3. SF 42 Kunesh; Suicide Prevention Curriculum Appropriation
 - a. Louise Matson, Executive Director, Division of Indian Work
 - b. Kelsey Yale, Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker
 - c. Beth Seidl, Be@School Attendance Liaison, Division of Indian Work
 - d. Suzanne Nash, Indigi-Baby and Food Sovereignty Program Manager
4. SF 193 Kunesh; American Indian Schools Permanent School Supplemental Aid Provision
 - a. Aaron Vande Linde, Director, Minnesota Office of School Trust Lands
5. SF 1404 Kunesh; American Indian Mascot Exemption Requirements Modification
 - a. Brandon Alkire, Legislative Director, Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC)
 - b. Dave Cowan, Board Member, Grand Rapids School District (SF349) (REMOTE)
6. SF 81 Rarick; Independent School District No. 99, Esko, American Indian Mascot Removal and Replacement Costs Appropriation

7. SF 349 Farnsworth; Independent School
District #318, Grand Rapids American Indian
Mascot Removal and Replacement Costs
Appropriation
8. Adjourn