



Senate File #2255 - Charter School Budget Cuts.

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Senator Kunesh, Chair
Senate Education Finance Committee Members
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Dear Chair Kunesh and Members:

My name is ___Amy Hula___ and I am a ___tutor/room supervisor and a parent of a student___ at ___Kato Public Charter School in Mankato, MN

At this time, we should be investing more in our students, not less. We can't balance the state budget on the backs of **charter school students** and **students with disabilities**. These are public school students, and they deserve to be treated fairly with the same level of funding and support as any other student in our state.

As a parent of a student that attends Kato Public Charter School, Mankato MN, this bill greatly impacts my son. He was a student in the Mankato public school system and was not doing well. He attended 9th and 10th grade within that system and his work and attendance was not the best. He also was found truant in 10th grade. He started Kato Charter with only 3 credits towards graduation and he was going to drop out of school. The staff at Kato Charter have given him the resources and assistance that he needed to be successful and he is doing amazing and is working hard on getting his credits caught up so he can graduate. If it wasn't for Kato Charter, he would not be graduating and would have dropped out of school.

As you consider SF2255, the Governor's proposed budget, please understand that these budget cuts will be deeply problematic to public charter school students.

Kato Public Charter School Demographics:

- KPCS 45% Special Education vs State average of 18%
- KPCS 74% Free & Reduced Lunch vs State average of 43%

As you **consider SF2255**, we respectfully urge you to protect this critical state funding for charter school students during this challenging time. Our students need your support now more than ever.

Sincerely,
Amy Hula

