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Committee on Education Finance

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Wednesday, April 2, 2025

8:30 am – 10:30 am

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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. SF 3128 Kunesh; Increase Teachers of Color Act Modification
 - a. Tracy Byrd, 2024 MN Teacher of the Year, Washburn High School (Minneapolis)
 - b. Eva Gallegos, Teacher Candidate, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities (REMOTE)
 - c. Lily Latterell, Teacher Candidate, University of Minnesota – Duluth (REMOTE)
3. SF 3186 Maye Quade; Literacy Incentive Aid Modification
 - a. Matt Shaver, Senior Policy Director, Ed Allies
4. SF 2255 Testimony
 - a. John Morstad, MN Association of School Business Officials
 - b. Joe Billings, Network Director of Operations, Prodeo Academy
 - c. Brianna Ostoff, MN Community Education Association (REMOTE)
 - d. Niceta Thomas, MN Administrators for Special Education (REMOTE)
 - e. Brandon N Wait, Executive Director, Paladin Career and Technical High School
 - f. Dr. Susan Outlaw, Executive Director, Metro Deaf School
 - g. Bonnie Jungles, Principal, Notre Dame Academy
 - h. Ericka Walz, Head of School, Ave Maria Academy
 - i. Chris Lennox, Superintendent, Mounds View Public Schools
 - j. Shannon Peterson, Executive Director, Lakes International Language Academy

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| k. Anne Gattman, Principal, St. Jerome School (REMOTE) | cc. Shannon Mitchell, Minnesota Association of Charter Schools |
| l. Kelly Larson, Q Comp Coordinator, Forest Lake Area Schools | 5. Adjourn |
| m. Nathan Flansburg, Superintendent, PACT Charter School | |
| n. Rochelle Rank, Parent, New City Charter School (REMOTE) | |
| o. Kurt Stumpf, Superintendent, Pequot Lakes School District (REMOTE) | |
| p. Alexandra Holter, CSforALL-MN Coalition | |
| q. Ann Weiss, Executive Director, MN Association of Independent Schools | |
| r. Nik Lightfoot, Assistant Superintendent, Hopkins Public Schools (REMOTE) | |
| s. Melanie Peters, Executive Director, STARBASE MN | |
| t. John Cselovski, Superintendent, Sleepy Eye Public Schools | |
| u. Dave Kerkvliet, Superintendent, Sebeka Public Schools | |
| v. Jeff Tollefson, CEO, MNTECH | |
| w. Tim Benz, President, MINNDEPENDENT | |
| x. Kate Lockwood, Computer Science Teachers Association | |
| y. Kate Lynne Snyder, Education Minnesota, Lobbyist | |
| z. Josh Downham, Minneapolis Public Schools | |
| aa. Matt Shaver, Senior Policy Director, Ed Allies | |
| bb. Scott Croonquist, AMSD, MASA, MSBA, etc. | |