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8:30 am – 10:30 am

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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. SF 2255 A-3 (Kunesh) Spreadsheet and Language Walk Through
3. Omnibus Testimony
 1. Willie Jett, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Education
 2. Tikki Brown, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families
 3. Peter Roufs, Principal, St. Mary's Catholic School (REMOTE)
 4. Dr. Dan Ahlstrom, Head of School, Heilicher Jewish Day School
 5. Kyle Rickbeil, Principal, St. Joseph's School
 6. Cat Briggs, Bus Driver, ISD 196
 7. Jenny Wen, Student, Jefferson High School (REMOTE)
 8. Laura Carpenter, Parent
 9. Arsema Mesfun, Student, St. John Paul II Catholic School
 10. Zuleida Hernandez, Parent, St. John Paul II Catholic School
 11. Dr. Michelle Kramer, Director of Schools, Diocese of New Ulm (REMOTE)
 12. Tony Sanneh, CEO, Sanneh Foundation
 13. Anita Davis, Principal, Holy Trinity Catholic School
 14. William Schwandt, ESP, Bloomington Public Schools
 15. Tony Simmons, Executive Director, High School for Recording Arts (REMOTE)
 16. Mary Stosic, Special Education Teacher, Popular Bridge Elementary, Bloomington Public Schools

17. Russ Gregg, Founder and Head of School, Hope Academy

18. Joe Billings, Director of Operations, Prodeo Academy

19. David Parker, ServeMinnesota (REMOTE)

20. Ann Kaste, Outreach and Instruction Librarian, K12 Communications Coordinator, Minitex

21. Shannon Peterson, Executive Director, Lakes International Language Academy

22. Darcy Stueber, Policy Chair, MN School Nutrition Association

23. Laura Freer, President, MN Association of Alternative Programs (REMOTE)

24. Tamra Rackliffe, Head of Schools, Duluth Edison Charter Schools

25. Catina Taylor, ESP, Minneapolis Public Schools

26. Lyle Koski, Grandparent, International Academy

27. Henry Schantzen, Head of School, Bluffview Montessori School (REMOTE)

28. Abdirashid Warsame, Executive Director, Twin Cities International Schools

29. Julie Lundgren, Chief Financial Officer, Lakes International Language Academy

30. Katie Avina, Executive Director, Academia la Paz

31. Tracy Quarnstrom, Executive Director, Minnesota Online High School (REMOTE)

32. Mariel Calhane, Executive Director, Minnesota wildflower Montessori Charter School

33. Jason Morrison, President, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School

34. Brett Wedlund, Executive Director, Nova Classical Academy
35. Scott Manni, Principal, North Star Elementary School (REMOTE)

36. Tim Benz, President, MINNDEPENDENT

37. Scott Croonquist, Executive Director, Association of Metropolitan School Districts

38. Paul Weirtz, State Government Relations Director, American Heart Association

39. Josh Downham, Minneapolis Public Schools

40. Matt Shaver, Senior Policy Director, EdAllies

41. Jim Davnie, MN Alliance With Youth

42. Joey Cienian, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Charter Schools

43. Sarah Burt, Education Minnesota

44. Sam Walseth, Advocacy Director, MN Rural Education Association &SAFF
4. Adjourn