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Vice-Chair Gustafson
Members Minnesota Senate Education Finance Committee



Chair Kunesh, Vice-Chair Gustafson and members of the committee,

We are writing today to thank you and your committee for the work that went into putting together SF2684, the Education Finance Omnibus Bill. The members of the Education Partnerships Coalition (EPC) are grateful for the full investment in our youth, families, schools and community organizations.

We wanted to express our thanks for the inclusion of our regional neighborhood partnership grants which brings parity in stable and predictable funding for our partnerships across the state. The work of the EPC brings true systemic transformation driven by data, youth, and parent power. We each provide an inclusive table where community challenges are met with community driven solutions.

Our continued success is due to our unique ability to bring together youth, parents, decision makers from our school districts, community business leaders, local government, and our local social service providers to come up with and support collective impact solutions, and then measure their effectiveness. Our learnings are the State's learnings, and we are so appreciative of the State's investments in several of our partnerships over the past 10 years, and your continued investment. We are excited with what we can do with this consistent and reliable state funding for all our organizations, spending our energy on growing youth and parent driven policy solutions, strengthening our already existing relationships with our full-service community schools, and making sure we have the capacity and stability to not let a single student or parent in our community fall through the cracks. We thank you for the inclusion and look forward to being a resource and partner to the State of Minnesota.

We are appreciative of your leadership and thank you for our inclusion in House File 2497.

Sincerely,
The Minnesota Education Partnerships Coalition

