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2023 Plan for

MINNESOTA STUDENT SUCCESS

Our community has a rare opportunity this year to take action so that young people across Minnesota, and especially students in Minneapolis Public Schools, get everything they need from the state in order to be successful. In 2023, state lawmakers have promised to prioritize students and make a historic investment in public education.

QUESTIONS?

Reach out to Patrice Relerford, Senior Director of Impact and Collective Giving, or Maggie McCracken, Philanthropic Advisor.

Pay Off the Debt Owed to Our Students



Fully fund special education, and tie that funding to improved outcomes



Fully fund English Language Learner services



Connect the education funding formula to inflation

WHY?

As schools across Minnesota have struggled to keep up with the rate of inflation and mandatory student services have gone underfunded, our state government has been able to invest elsewhere and slowly build up a surplus of over \$17 billion. The state of Minnesota owes our students, our teachers, and our communities the necessary resources they have been starved of for decades.

2023 SESSION RECAP NOTES

- The final 2023 Education Omnibus bill increased the special education cross-subsidy aid by \$662.8 million in the 2024-25 biennium and \$821.2 million in the 2026-27 biennium. This increases the cross-subsidy to 44 percent for FYs 24-26 and 50 percent for FY 27 and beyond.
- ELL funding will more than double by 2027-28. It will increase from \$704 per qualifying students now to \$1,228 per student for fiscal years 2024-26 and \$1,775 per student for fiscal years 2027 and later.
- The general education funding formula will increase by 4 percent in FY 2024 and 2 percent in FY 2025. It will be linked to inflation in FY 2026 and beyond with a maximum increase or cap of three percent.

Invest in a Diverse Teaching Force



Increase pathways and remove barriers to recruit and retain teachers of color and Indigenous teachers

Expand and support Tier 1 and 2 licensure

WHY?

The data is clear. All students, but especially students of color and Indigenous students, benefit from having a diverse group of teachers. It is time for the state to invest in and expand opportunities to ensure that students across Minnesota see themselves in their teachers.

Disrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline



Ban suspensions for grades K-3

Ban withholding recess as punishment

Make student statements to school staff inadmissible in legal proceedings

WHY?

We need schools to be places where students feel welcomed, safe, and free to be kids. We need the state to affirm the right of all students to be seen as children and not as threats.

2023 SESSION RECAP NOTES

- The 2023 Education Omnibus bill increased funding for several programs to attract, develop and retain teachers, particularly teachers of color and Indigenous teachers and teachers in shortage areas.
 - Examples: Grow Your Own programs for districts: \$18.5M+ per year beginning in 2024-25 that districts developing teacher diversity pipeline programs can apply for. \$30M in FY 2024-25, \$10M in FY 2026-27 available for districts with initiatives focused on special education.
- The omnibus bill closed pathways to Tier 2 licensure. Specifically, Tier 1 teachers not currently enrolled in teacher prep or holding a master's degree are no longer eligible for Tier 2 to Tier 3 licensure pathway based on experience.