



Minneapolis Schools' 2022 Legislative Agenda

I. Close Funding Gaps in Key Areas

- Ensure the state fully funds the state portion of special education
- Close the funding gap for English Learner services
- Use prior year free-reduced priced meal counts to compute compensatory revenue

II. Address Issues Exacerbated by the Pandemic

- Update how the state measures school-level poverty data
- Increase state investments in the recruitment and retention of Teachers of Color and American Indian teachers
- Expand funding for school-linked mental health grants
- Ensure access to safe and affordable housing for students and families

III. Update Special Education Policies

- Create special education tuition billing working group to make recommendations to the 2023 Legislature to address misalignment between who pays and who determines costs
- Address the rapidly rising cost of special education tuition billing due to some schools' ability to bill back 100% of their costs
- Transfer district of residence to the serving district after one year for students who open enroll and are placed in cooperative programs

IV. Promote Stable, Healthy Engaged Families

- Support increases in state funding for Full Service Community Schools
- Fully fund the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) and align it with Pathway I Scholarships
- Align any new federal funding for early education with state funding to ensure more students are ready for kindergarten

V. Enhance Local Control

- Give districts the flexibility to use distance learning on election days
- Allow districts to renew operating and capital projects levies with a vote of the board
- Provide flexibility to allow cities, counties, school districts and higher education institutions to more efficiently work together

VI. Ensure a High Quality Education for Each and Every Student

- Work with stakeholders to update proposed changes to State Constitution's education clause to address concerns related to funding, assessment and private school vouchers