

Action Alert

The House Education Finance Committee is taking up legislation to increase the basic education aid formula by 2% and tie future increases to inflation. The hearing, scheduled for Wednesday, February 10 at 10:30am, features House File 843 (Rep. Zack Stephenson D- Coon Rapids) which is supported by education organizations from across the state.

Please call or email your local State Representative (handy tool to see you represents you - <https://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/>) and urge them to support HF 843.

Schools need stable, predictable funding. By linking the basic education aid formula to inflation, this bill would allow districts to plan their budgets and invest in needed classroom materials and staff.

The unpredictability of the state's current education funding system requires districts to notify staff of layoffs only to rescind the layoff notices if the legislature provides funding sufficient to cover inflationary increases in expenditures. The boom-bust cycle of education funding is demoralizing to staff and makes it very challenging to plan for and make needed changes and investments in our schools.

Your voice is important. Please call or email [your State Representative](#) and ask them to support HF 843.

For more information on HF 843, visit the House Education Finance Committee at <https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/Committees/home/92004>. The hearing will be streamed at <https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/htv/schedule.asp>.