

## **Action Alert**

Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan released their budget recommendations for the next two-year state budget. We greatly appreciate their focus on the needs of students and families in their budget proposals. A number of their proposals align with the [Minneapolis Public Schools' legislative agenda](#) adopted by the Minneapolis Public Schools' Board of Education.

The Governor's and Lieutenant Governor's proposal for special education would reduce by 50% the gap in funding between what schools spend and the state and federal revenue they receive. Their proposal for English Learner funding would reduce the funding gap by 20%.

While their proposals are a strong step in the right direction, we are asking them to consider phasing in additional funding to address the underfunding of special education and English Learner services.

Two legislative proposals go beyond the Governor's proposals and would fully fund special education and English Learner services.

- [House File 22/Senate File 21](#) - Phase in full funding for English Learner services by 2027.
- [House File 18/Senate File 28](#) - Fully fund special education costs

We are asking families to reach out to Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan and ask them to phase in full funding for English Learner and special education programs.

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## **Example text for phone call or note to the Governor**

Thank you for prioritizing children and families in your budget proposals. We are asking you to work with state lawmakers to phase in full funding for special education and English Learner services as part of the next state budget.

Schools that support large numbers of English language learners and students receiving special services should not be financially penalized. These funds will benefit all students.