

## **COALITION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

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Education Finance Committee  
Minnesota House of Representatives  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Chair Davnie and Members of the Education Finance Committee,

We are writing to express support to House File 378, Representative Youakims's bill for paid training for paraprofessionals.

Funding for paraprofessionals to receive paid orientation and professional development will enable paraprofessionals to better support the individual needs of students with disabilities. Providing opportunities for paraprofessionals to receive training and meet with students' teachers will be beneficial to both students and professionals. We are thankful to Representative Youakim for championing this critical work and urge you to support this legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support to House File 378. Please contact Natalia Madryga at [nmadryga@hyldenlaw.com](mailto:nmadryga@hyldenlaw.com) or 952-693-1329 with any questions.

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