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Via E-Mail Delivery

Senator Carla Nelson, Chair  
Senate E-12 Finance & Policy Committee  
Minnesota State Senate  
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St. Paul, MN 55155

Senator Chuck Wiger, Lead  
Senate E-12 Finance & Policy Committee  
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Representative Jim Davnie, Chair  
House Education Finance Division  
Minnesota House of Representatives  
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Representative Ron Kresha, Lead  
House Education Finance Division  
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Dear Sens. Nelson and Wiger and Reps. Davnie and Kresha:

This letter is submitted to you in support of Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) moving the deadline from December 15, 2020 to January 4, 2021 to submit Free & Reduced Lunch (FRL) applications to the department. It is our understanding that several education organizations and school districts have requested this extension.

As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has upended our education system since last March. All schools – public, charters and non-public schools – have been working to deliver educational services to all students throughout this pandemic. We are appreciative of your efforts to support all our students and schools in Minnesota.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at 612-532-7630 or [tbenz@misf.org](mailto:tbenz@misf.org)

Sincerely,

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C: Darren Korte, Assistant Commissioner, MDE