

Minnesota House of Representatives
Education Finance Committee

Co-Chairs: Representative Cheryl Youakim (Gavel) and Representative Ron Kresha

Thursday March 5, 2026

1:00pm

Capitol 120

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes from March 3rd, 2026
- III. Presentation from The Violence Prevention Project
 - Dr. Jillian Peterson, Executive Director, The Violence Prevention Project
 - Dr. James Densley, The Violence Prevention Project
- IV. HF 3653 (Greene) Safe schools revenue increased to school districts, safe schools aid to charter schools and cooperative units provided, and money appropriated.
 - Marcy Doud, Superintendent, Intermediate School District 287
 - Dennis Laumeyer, Superintendent, Benson Public School District
 - Nicole Woodward, Executive Director, St. Croix River Education District
 - Joey Cienian, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Charter Schools
 - Dr. Megan Forgette, Associate Director of Quality and Excellence, Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
 - Tim Benz, President, MINNDEPENDENT
 - Mike Rogers, Executive Director, Risen Christ Catholic School
 - Shannon Peterson, Executive Director, Lakes International Language Academy
 - Javon Wilson, Sojourner Truth Academy
 - Lanayah Ray, Sojourner Truth Academy
 - Kate Olson, Special Programs Teacher, Sojourner Truth Academy
 - Alexandra Fitzsimmons, Senior Policy Director, Children's Defense Fund
 - Tony Simmons, Executive Director, High School for the Recording Arts
- V. HF 2717 (Greene) Safe schools revenue increased, safe schools aid established, revenue expanded to all cooperative units, and money appropriated.
- VI. HF 3857 (Sencer-Mura) Student support personnel aid increased, and money appropriated.

- Dr. Mollie Weeks, Teaching Assistant Professor, Specialist Coordinator, School Psychology Program, University of Minnesota
- Flannery Clark, Parent
- Sarah Bernhardt, School Psychologist, Groves Learning Organization
- Dr. Tascha Just, Director, SEL Academy
- Christy McCoy, School Social Worker
- Tara Cliff, President, School Nurse Organization of Minnesota

VII. HF 3451 (Rehm) Anonymous threat reporting system grants provided to schools, report required, and money appropriated.

VIII. Adjournment