

Minnesota House of Representatives
Education Finance Committee

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

Thursday February 19th, 2026

1:00pm

Capitol 120

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes from April 28th, 2025
- III. Presentations on the Impact of Operation Metro Surge on Minnesota Students and School Communities
 - Heidi Nistler, Assistant Superintendent, Saint Paul Public Schools
 - Zena Stenvik, Superintendent, Columbia Heights School District
 - Leslee Sherk, Principal, Columbia Academy, Columbia Heights
 - Kevin Centeno, Full Service Community School Coordinator, Valley View Elementary School, Columbia Heights
 - Dr. Bill Adams, Superintendent, Wilmar Public School District
 - Sarah Lightner, Principal, Groveland Elementary, Saint Paul Public Schools
 - Dr. Brenda Lewis, Superintendent, Fridley Public School District
 - Dr. Carlondrea Hines, Superintendent, St. Louis Park Public Schools
 - Abdihakim Ibrahim, Parent, School Board Member, St. Louis Park Public Schools
 - Lori Smith, Cook, St. Cloud Public Schools
 - Joey Cienian, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Charter Schools
 - Kristen Gillespie, Board Member, Minnesota School Psychologists Association
 - Christopher Griggs, Teacher, Edina High School
 - Cara Hunn, Spanish Teacher, Columbia Heights
 - Danika Ragnhild, Community Member
 - Amy Cram Helwig, Executive Director, Urban Debate League
 - Tammy Knapper, Special Education Coordinator, Wilmar Public Schools
 - Carlo Franco, Treasurer, Saint Paul Public School Board
 - Chris Stinson, Policy Director, SEIU Local 284
 - Anna Presthus, Parent
 - Dr. David Greene, Parent
 - Maren Christenson Hofer, Minnesota Multicultural Autism Network
 - Heather Starks, School Board Member, Bloomington Public Schools

- Hannah Graham, School Counselor, Roseville Area High School
- Tracy Bryd, Teacher of the Year 2024, Minneapolis Public Schools
- Christian Ledesma, Principal, Roosevelt High School
- Brian Rappe, Special Education Teacher, Burnsville
- Natasha Docktor, Teacher, Minneapolis Public Schools
- Sandy Muellner, Teacher, Saint Paul Public Schools

IV. Adjournment