

March 5, 2024

The Honorable Kim Hicks
MN House District 25A
413 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Support to conduct a stand-alone assessment for developmental adapted physical Education within Minnesota school districts.

Dear Representative Hicks,

My name is Julie Turner and I am an advocate who supports the proposed bill that would permit school districts to allow developmental adapted physical education assessments without conducting a comprehensive evaluation of the student, following prior written notice provisions.

I strongly support this bill, as it would allow students K-12, who qualify for this service, access to direct instruction, accommodations, and modifications to meet their needs in physical education. In addition, this will increase opportunities for students with unique physical disorders to participate in various physical activities throughout the school day.

As a former special education teacher, this bill will not only provide students who qualify for developmental physical education services access to support during the school day but will also encourage teams to develop individualized plans for students using a Universal Design for Learning approach.

I appreciate your efforts and support with this proposed bill.

Sincerely,

Julie Turner