

March 2nd, 2021

The Honorable Ruth Richardson Minnesota State House of Representatives

Dear Chair Richardson and Members of the House Education Committee:

People for PSEO is writing in support of HF 1712. We support the expansion of the various college and career readiness measures used in order to achieve a World's Best Workforce. Although MCA scores and graduation rates are useful tools in understanding the progress of our students, we believe that the additional metrics included in this bill will provide a more accurate and equitable measure of the achievements of students of various demographics across the state.

With a better understanding of the percentage of students enrolled in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, PSEO, and concurrent enrollment, the percentage of students who took the AP and IB exams, the percentage of who passed the AP and IB exams, and the percentage of students who are on-track for graduation, we believe that both the state and its constituents will be better prepared to identify and close disparity gaps in communities around the state.

These improved provisions will benefit Minnesota's students - we urge you to support HF 1712. Thank you Representative Keeler and others for supporting this legislation.

Thank you. Zeke Jackson Executive Director People for PSEO