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Members of the Minnesota House:

I am writing to support House File 412, a Bill to Require Education Committee Members to visit public schools for at least 12 hours during a two-year period. I think that there is value in connecting committee members with the area of focus for the committee.

I am aware that many of our elected officials are frequent guests in our public schools. I am supportive of making this a requirement because it will connect proposed bills in the committee with the opportunity to see firsthand how the bills might impact the work happening in public education. Furthermore, I think that Minnesota Public Schools is filled with amazing educators, teachers, paraeducators, administrators, support staff and many other adults essential to the operation of a school. These employees would feel valued by a visit from the people making decisions about the day-to-day operation of the school.

Most importantly, these visits would allow our school districts to showcase the amazing students attending public schools in Minnesota. I am confident that this will amplify the need for a reprioritization of public education, our students' futures and the future of our state.

Thank you for considering this bill.

Sincerely,

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## Representative Myers:

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We represent the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals and the Minnesota Elementary School Principal Association. On behalf of both associations, we want to extend our support of your bill. We would be thrilled to welcome legislators into our schools to showcase the incredible work taking place with our students.

We should add that many legislative representatives currently would fulfil this requirement on the basis of their participation in our annual "Principal for a Day" initiative where legislators are invited to our schools for the day. Over the past two years we have had over one hundred visits from legislators in our Minnesota schools. We believe that fostering strong relationships with local legislators will help raise awareness of the needs of our students across the state.

Good luck with the bill. You have our full support.

Michelle Krell, Executive Director, MESPA

Bob Driver, Executive Director, MASSP