

Minnesota House of Representatives
Education Finance Committee

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

Thursday April 16, 2026

1:00pm

Capitol 120

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes from April 14th, 2026
- III. Presentation on Special Education Evaluation and Identification.
 - Jennifer Danielson, Executive Director of Student Services, South St. Paul Public Schools
- IV. HF 4893 (Youakim) Student support personnel aid allowances modified, and money appropriated.
 - Anushka Narielwawa, Student
 - Alvi Buzar Barua, Student
 - Kate Lynne Snyder, Lobbyist, MN School Counselors Association, Education Minnesota
 - Ann Weiss, Executive Director, Minnesota of Independent Schools
 - Alexandra Fitzsimmons, Senior Policy Director, Children's Defense Fund
 - Sarah Bernhardt, School Psychologist
- V. Presentation and Testimony on Governor's K12 Education Budget
 - Commissioner Willie Jett, Minnesota Department of Education
 - Adosh Unni, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Education
 - Sami Rajab, Assistant Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Education
 - Scott Croonquist, Executive Director, Association of Metropolitan School Districts
 - Maren Christenson Hofer, Executive Director, Multicultural Autism Action Network
 - Matt Shaver, Senior Policy Director, EdAllies
 - Ann Weiss, Executive Director, Minnesota of Independent Schools
 - Kate Lynne Snyder, Lobbyist, Education Minnesota
 - Marcus Penny, Communications Director, Education Evolving

- Jennifer Danielson, Executive Director of Student Services, South St. Paul Public Schools

VI. Adjournment