



February 11, 2019

The Honorable Cheryl Youakim
Minnesota House of Representatives
591 State Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Representative Youakim:

We are writing to express our strong support for your bill (HF 314) repealing MS 120A.40 - allowing school boards to begin their school year before Labor Day.

While we understand the arguments for maintaining current law, we believe school boards should have the ability to make a basic operational decision like when to begin their school year.

As HF 314 moves through the legislative process we look forward to working with you to give school boards the ability to decide what school calendar best meets the needs of their students, families and educators.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jim Bartholomew'.

Jim Bartholomew
Director, Education Policy

