



February 7, 2022

Letter of Support

Dear Chair Richardson and House Education Policy Committee Members,

On behalf of the Minnesota Association of Charter School Authorizer (MACSA), we write to express support for the short-call substitute teacher pilot provision within HF2950.

MACSA represents 13 authorizers that oversee 168 public charter schools in operation in the state, which serve over 63,000 K-12 students or about 7.5% of the state's K-12 public enrollment.

Current substitute teaching requirements have put an incredible strain on our educators across the portfolio to meet the staffing needs throughout the ongoing pandemic. The extension will act as a safeguard against the unpredictable trajectory of the pandemic and its impact on educators, students, and their families.

We have seen the capacity of school leaders wither over the last two years. Schools are at the heart of our communities and they need help.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent matter during an extremely difficult time.

Sincerely,

Peter Yamashiro, Executive Director