

COALITION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

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Education Policy Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Chair Richardson and Members of the Education Policy Committee,

On behalf of the Coalition for Children with Disabilities, we are writing to express support for House File 4233, Representative Edelson's bill for teacher preparation time for special education due process forms and procedures.

Special education due process and procedures are essential to providing adequate notice to parents of services and proposed actions and denials by school districts. These forms and processes are imperative to assist parents and schools in understanding services and resources. It is necessary for both schools and parents to have a full understanding of what is being offered or denied.

Because preparation requirements for special education teachers exceed that for regular education teachers, it is only fair that special education teachers have additional time during the school day to complete this important and necessary work. Special education teachers play a tremendous role in improving outcomes for students with disabilities, and we support this bill.

Sincerely,



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