

**February 24, 2023**

Legislators,

Computer science education is an essential part of any secondary school curriculum. Sadly, it is not currently being offered in many MN schools due to lack of funding. I teach middle school math in Duluth, MN and while both of my kids had planned to go through Duluth Public Schools, only one did. The other chose a tech online school partially because of no computer programming options in secondary schools here. There were clubs but no courses.

Currently Duluth (ISD709) is working with The College of St Scholastica through the CSforALL Accelerator program which affords us the opportunity to offer some vital CS to our students. I teach at a school with 56% kids in poverty. Their tech opportunities are far less than students with more financial resources which is why it is really important that CS be offered through the public schools. We recently taught a CS week and I was amazed at how some students, who are otherwise disinterested in learning, really took to the programming. It was great to give them the opportunity to see what is available. Now we need to get some programming classes in the high school.

Without support like that from St. Scholastica and CSforALL, including professional development and funding for materials, our district would not have the capacity or background to do this on our own. I urge you to support House Bill 759 and Senate Bill 757, The Computer Science Education Advancement Fund.

Jane Juten

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Juten". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.