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Representative Hodan Hassan
Representative Ruth Richardson, Chair, Education Policy Committee
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Re: Support for House File 217

Dear Representative Hassan, Chair Richardson, and Committee Members

The Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals represents 1200 secondary school principals throughout Minnesota. Our membership includes principals and assistant principals at both the high school and middle school level. This letter is written in support of several provisions in House File 217. We believe that HF 217 represent excellent steps in making our schools better for all students, families and staff. We support such initiatives.

The reach of H.F.217 is broad. By its own terms, the bill seeks to support efforts to address curricular, environmental and structural inequities in schools. These inequities contribute to decreased opportunities as well as achievement gaps, particularly for students of color and American Indian students. We support efforts to address these inequities.

Similarly, we strongly support initiatives that attract and retain teachers of color and American Indian teachers into the profession and into our schools.

We do have some questions about some of the technical provisions in the bill, and we look forward to working with you on the bill as it moves forward.

Thank you for all of your work.

Yours truly,

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