



## Intermediate School District 917

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### Letter of Support

HF 2492

To:

Representative Cheryl Youakim, Chair

Representative Mary Frances Clardy, Vice Chair

Members of the Minnesota House School Finance Committee

March 21, 2023

Dear Representatives,

As the Dakota County Perkins Consortium Coordinator, I write to share my strong support for HF 2492 to address housing needs, engage students in their local communities, and prepare high school students for high-wage, high-skill jobs in construction, a high-need field.

For years, Intermediate School District 917's Construction Trades program engaged students in building a house from scratch, under the leadership of highly qualified staff. It would be wonderful if, in the future, this work could directly benefit those who need it most in our local community.

At Intermediate School District 917, we have an informal motto of, "We belong to each other." Engaging students in learning construction skills while giving back to their community by providing homes for low income families and families experiencing homelessness would be a perfect example of this motto.

I thank you for considering this bill, and I encourage you to support it.

Sincerely,

*Marci Levy-Maguire*

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ISD 917 Communications, Innovation, & Public Relations Coordinator

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ISD 917 Vision

Intermediate School District 917 models an innovative culture with diverse pathways serving students and families through equitable practices with highly trained staff.

ISD 917 Core Values

Collaboration \* Empathy \* Innovation \* Stewardship \* Communication \* Integrity \* Personalization \* Equity \* Diversity