



Duluth School Board proposes:

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Legislative Resolution: Increasing Funding for Career and Technical Education in Minnesota

WHEREAS, the Minnesota economy is increasingly reliant on a skilled workforce, particularly in the fields of manufacturing, construction, and technology; and

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs provide students with the hands-on skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in these high-demand industries; and

WHEREAS, the Duluth region has a strong tradition of unionized trades that contribute significantly to the local economy and provide well-paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, increased investment in CTE programs will help ensure that Minnesota students have the opportunity to pursue fulfilling careers in these fields;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives:

1. **Increased Funding:** The Legislature shall allocate additional funding to public schools throughout Minnesota for the purpose of expanding and improving CTE programs.
2. **Targeted Investments:** The allocated funds shall be used to support the following initiatives:
 - **Program Expansion:** Increasing the number and variety of CTE courses offered in schools.
 - **Equipment and Facilities:** Providing schools with the necessary tools, equipment, and facilities to deliver high-quality CTE instruction.
 - **Partnerships:** Fostering partnerships between schools, businesses, and labor unions to provide students with real-world experiences and job opportunities.
 - **Teacher Training:** Ensuring that CTE teachers have access to ongoing professional development to stay current with industry trends and best practices.
3. **Focus on Regional Needs:** The Legislature shall prioritize CTE programs that align with the specific needs of the Duluth region, including those related to the union trades.

4. **Data-Driven Decision Making:** The Minnesota Department of Education shall collect and analyze data on CTE program outcomes to inform future funding decisions and program improvements.

BY PASSING THIS RESOLUTION, THE LEGISLATURE WILL TAKE A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD ENSURING THAT MINNESOTA STUDENTS HAVE THE SKILLS AND OPPORTUNITIES THEY NEED TO SUCCEED IN THE STATE'S GROWING ECONOMY.