






## ISD 709 Legislative Platform Priorities for 2017-18

### Special Education / New Special Education Formula

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  - H.F. 4306 (Thissen) - Special education program funding increased, and literacy aid eliminated.
    - Senate Companion Bill – None
    - 03/29/18 – Introduction, first reading and referred to Education Finance
  
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  - H.F. 4260 (Davnie) – Forecasted positive general fund balances required to be allocated to restore the special education aid payment percentage.
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 3351 (Rest)
    - 03/28/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Finance
  
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  - H.F. 4272 (Knoblach) – A bill for an act relating to education finance; providing for special education equity aid; appropriating money
    - Senate companion S.F. 3861 (Relph)
    - 03/29/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Finance
  
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  - H.F. 4238 (Bennett) - Special education cooperatives statutory definition provided.
    - Senate Companion Bill – None
    - 03/26/18 – Introduction, first reading and referred to Education Finance
  
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  - H.F. 4208 (Davnie) - A bill for an act relating to education finance; creating a state fund to pay for unreimbursed special education costs; requiring a report; appropriating money
    - Senate companion bill S.F. 3807 (Davnie)
    - 03/22/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Finance
  
- H.F. 2846 (Christensen) - Special education working group established; report required
    - Companion Senate Bill S.F. 2698 (Pratt)
    - 03/08/18 - Committee report, to adopt as amended and re-refer to Education Finance
  
- Resolution to Fully Fund Special Education Services (MN) - MSBA
    - 03/05/18 - more than 170 school districts have passed resolutions (see map)
  
- Resolution to Fully Fund Special Education Services (Federal) - MSBA
    - 03/05/18 - more than 170 school districts have passed resolutions (see map)

## Equity through School Based Early Education Programs



- H.F. 3658 (Wagenius) - Universal voluntary prekindergarten funded.
  - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 3626 (Dibble)
  - 03/12/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Innovation Policy
- H.F. 3328 (Kresha) - Child eligibility for the early learning scholarship program modified, administration of the early learning scholarship program modified, targeted home visiting program established for high-risk populations, and money appropriated
  - Senate Companion Bill - S.F. 3013 (Eichorn)
  - 03/05/18 - Introduction, first reading; referred to Education Innovation Policy
  - 03/15/18 – Motion to recall and re-refer, motion prevailed Education Finance

## Former Duluth Central High School



- H.F. 3898 (Olson) - Duluth Central High School construction materials exemption provided.
  - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 3124 (Simonson)
  - 03/12/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Taxes
- 03/12/18 - Email to MN Senator Erik Simonson to reconfirm support for private development sales and use tax exemption authorization
  - FYI: S.F. 3573 (Reinert) and H.F. 3926 (Simonson) from the 2015-16 session

## Mental Health Professionals



- Safe and Secure Schools Act to Protect MN Children and Reduce Gun Violence by Gov. Dayton
  - Article
  - Facts
  - Additional Funding
- H.F. 4260 (Davnie) - Forecasted positive general fund balances required to be allocated to restore the special education aid payment percentage.
  - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 3351 (
  - 03/28/18 Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Finance
- H.F. 4201 (Omar) - School counselor required in every school.
  - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 3606 (Dziedzic)
  - 03/22/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Innovation Policy
- H.F. 4198 (Bennett) - School-linked mental health telemedicine grants funding provided, report required, and money appropriated.
  - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 3679
  - 03/22/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Health and Human Services Finance



- H.F. 3378 (Davnie) - Children's school-linked mental health grant funding provided, and money appropriated.
  - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 2815 (Clausen)
  - 03/05/18 - Introduction, first reading, referred to Health and Human Services Finance



- H.F. 3085 (Loon) - Qualified providers of mental health services clarified for innovative mental health grants to intermediate school districts.
  - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 3049 (Anderson, P)
  - 02/26/18 - Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Finance



- H.F. 967 (Halverson) - Voluntary school social worker aid program funding provided, and money appropriated.
  - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 535 (Wiklund)
  - 02/09/17 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Innovation Policy

### **Mandate Reform & Reduction**



















- S.F. 3123 (Nelson) - School district telecommunications projects state aid increase and appropriation
  - House Companion Bill – None
  - 03/08/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to E-12 Policy
  - 03/26/18 – Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to E-12 Finance

### **Increase Support for Full-Service Community Schools Model**

- None that could be found





## School Safety Bills

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  - School Safety Proposals Advance In House: House Republicans held a press conference outlining a \$50 million plan to fund school safety initiatives in school districts. The plan includes the bills seen moving forward including safe schools revenue, expansion of the allowable uses of long-term facilities maintenance revenue along with additional aid, increased funding for school-linked mental health grants, grants for school safety audits, suicide prevention training for educators, and establishment of threat assessment teams. We expect to see more details once the House puts together their E12 supplemental budget bill shortly after the legislative break.
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  - H.F. 4299 (Franke) - School threat assessment teams required.
    - Senate Companion Bill - None
    - 03/29/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Finance
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  - H.F. 4202 (Fischer) - School districts required to publish a summary of crisis management policy, school threat assessment teams and oversight committees established, school boards authorized to bond for security-related equipment, commissioner's review and comment process requirements modified, safe schools revenue established, safe schools revenue use modified, and money appropriated
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 3664 (Wiger)
    - 03/22/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Innovation Policy
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  - H.F. 4141 (Gunther) - Long-term facilities maintenance revenue use authorized for projects that increase the safety and security of school facilities, and supplemental aid program established to pay a portion of the costs for school district projects that increase safety and security.
    - Senate Companion S.F. 3655 (Rosen)
    - 03/22/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Finance
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  - H.F. 4120 (Anselmo) - Safe schools revenue program established, charter schools made eligible for safe schools revenue, safe schools revenue increased, report required, and money appropriated.
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 2754 (Nelson)
    - 03/21/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Finance
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  - H.F. 4026 (Peterson) - Safe schools levy increased.
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 3087 (Pratt)
    - 03/19/18 - Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Finance
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  - H.F. 4015 (Peterson) - Long-term facilities maintenance revenue use authorized for projects that increase the safety and security of school facilities, and supplemental aid program established to pay a portion of the costs for school district projects that increase safety and security.
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 3243 (Pratt)
    - 03/19/18 - Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Finance
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  - H.F. 3885 (Christensen) - Public school security audit funding provided, and money appropriated.
    - Senate Companion S.F. 3068 (Ruud)
    - 03/15/18 – Introduction, first reading and referred to Education Finance
    - 03/22/18 – Committee report, to adopt and re-refer to Public Safety and Security Policy and Finance

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  - H.F. 3797 (Haley) - Safe schools revenue increased, safe schools levy equalized, portion of levy available for intermediate school districts linked to the school district per pupil allowance, and money appropriated.
    - Senate Companion Bill – None
    - 03/14/18 - Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Finance
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  - H.F. 3796 (Loon) - School safety facility grants authorized for school districts to enhance safety for students and staff, bonds issued, and money appropriated.
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 3607 (Nelson)
    - 03/14/18 - Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Finance
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  - H.F. 3676 (Jessup) - Reimbursement grants for audits of the physical security of public school campuses created, and money appropriated.
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 3465 (Benson)
    - 03/12/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Finance
    - 03/22/18 – Committee report, to adopt and re-refer to Public Safety and Security Policy and Finance
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  - H.F. 3599 (Wills) - Safe schools levy increased, and portion of the levy available for intermediate school districts linked to the school district per pupil allowance.
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 3472 (Clausen)
    - 03/12/18 - Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Finance
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  - H.F. 3595 (Wills) - School districts authorized to use long-term facilities maintenance revenue programs for physical modifications enhancing school facility safety.
    - Senate Companion S.F. 3471 (Clausen)
    - 03/12/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Finance
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  - H.F. 3545 (Sundin) - Child safety curriculum required.
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 3031 (Hoffman)
    - 03/08/18 - Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Innovation Policy
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  - H.F. 3540 (Sandstede) - School safety and student support addressed, including modifications to crisis management information, review and comment submissions, and allowable uses of safe schools levy; safe schools levy authority increased; support our students grant program codified; and money appropriated.
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 2907 (Cwodzinski)
    - 03/08/18 - Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Innovation Policy
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  - H.F. 3533 (Haley) - Safe schools levy amended to include medication disposal costs.
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 3017 (Pratt)
    - 03/08/18 - Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Finance










- H.F. 3370 (Franke) - Threat assessment teams and oversight committees required, access to criminal history and health records provided, educational data sharing with school threat assessment teams allowed, and money appropriated.
  - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 2993 (Bigham)
  - 03/05/18 - Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Innovation Policy
  - 03/14/18 – Committee report, to adopt as amended and re-refer to Civil Law and Data Practices Policy
- H.F. 3365 (Anselmo) - Safe schools levy increased, safe schools levy authorized to be spent on cyber security activities, and portion of levy available for intermediate school districts linked to the school district per pupil allowance
  - Senate companion bill S.F. 3020 (Abeler)
  - 03/05/18 - Introduction, first reading; referred to Education Finance
- H.F. 3320 (Loon) - School districts authorized to use long-term facilities maintenance revenue programs for physical modifications enhancing school facility safety, and money appropriated.
  - Senate Companion S.F. 3229 (Anderson, P)
  - 03/05/18 - Introduction, first reading; referred to Education Finance
- H.F. 3302 (Quam) - Teacher and school staff training in dangerous situations and firearm provision funding provided, and money appropriated
  - Senate Companion Bill - None
  - 03/05/18 - Introduction, first reading; referred to Education Finance
- H.F. 3315 (Erickson) - PreK - 12 education provided, including general education, education excellence, teachers, facilities and technology, nutrition, early childhood and family support, and self-sufficiency and lifelong learning
  - Senate Companion Bill - S.F. 3086 (Pratt)
  - Summary of HF3315/SF3086 - 2018 MDE Education Policy Bill
  - 03/05/18 - Introduction, first reading; referred to Education Innovation Policy
- H.F. 3286 (Lucero) - Permitted and trained school staff allowed to carry firearms.
  - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 3116 (Mathews)
  - 03/01/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Public Safety and Security Policy and Finance
- H.F. 2961 (Davnie) - Early education provisions modified, five regions for the voluntary prekindergarten program established, determination of the total amount of Pathway II scholarships authorized, and school readiness plus made permanent
  - Senate Companion Bill - S.F. 2812 (Pappas)
  - 02/22/18 - Introduction, first reading; referred to Education Innovation Policy
- H.F. 2958 (Fischer) - Districts' safe schools levy authority increased, and school districts authorized to use levy proceeds to enhance cybersecurity.
  - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 2507 (Wiger)
  - 02/22/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Innovation Policy

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  - H.F. 2877 (O'Neill) - Monticello school district special education adjustment modified.
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 2522 (Anderson, B)
    - 02/20/18 – Introduction, first reading and Education Finance
  - S.F. 2754 (Nelson) - Safe schools revenue program establishment; charter schools eligible for safe schools revenue; safe schools revenue increase and appropriation
    - 02/26/18 - Intro, first reading; referred to E-12 Finance
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  - H.F. 1647 (Omar) – Safe schools levy modified.
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 1629 (Torres Ray)
    - 02/23/17 – Introduction, first reading and Education Finance
  - School Safety - Letter to education leaders by MSBA
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  - S.F. 3778 (Isaacson) - School districts to bond for security equipment authorization; safe schools revenue program modification and appropriation
    - House Companion Bill – None
    - 03/22/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to E-12 Policy
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  - S.F. 2844 (Utke) – Retired law enforcement officers authorization to carry firearms in school
    - House Companion Bill – None
    - 03/22/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy

### Other Bills of Note

2018 (90th) legislative session began 02/20/18; expected to adjourn 05/21/18

- The second committee deadline passed at midnight on Thursday, March 29, which means there are just under two months to go before the constitutionally mandated adjournment date of Monday, May 21.
- The second committee deadline is for committees to act favorably on bills that met the first deadline in the other chamber.
- Committees have been meeting all hours of the day to hear as many bills as they can in advance of these committee deadlines, and now the legislature will go on a week-long break starting Friday, March 30, returning Monday, April 9.
- Interesting statistic, at this point of the legislative biennium 4,282 bills have been introduced in the House of Representatives, and 3,884 bills have been introduced in the Senate.
- The third committee deadline, Friday, April 20, is the deadline for budget bills to be adopted and move through the committee process. So, expect quick action on budget bill once the legislature returns Monday, April 9.
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  - H.F. 3902 (Dettmer) - Board approved referendum authority increased, and money appropriated.
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 2552 (Housley)
    - 03/15/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Finance

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  - **H.F. 3315 (Erickson) - MDE Policy Bill – Education Policy Omnibus E-12 - Prekindergarten through grade 12 education provided, including general education, education excellence, teachers, special education, facilities and technology, nutrition, early childhood and family support, and self-sufficiency and lifelong learning. Overall status here.**
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 3086 (Pratt)
    - 03/05/18 - Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Innovation Policy
    - 03/26/18 – Committee report, to adopt as amended and re-refer to Education Finance
  
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  - H.F. 3305 (Pryor) - Charter school and school district program combination process created, and continuity in building lease revenue for school districts that combine programming with a charter school provided.
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 3370 (Anderson, P)
    - 03/05/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Innovation Policy
  
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  - H.F. 3159 (Koegel) - School districts authorized to renew expiring referendums and capital project referendums by action of school board.
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 2608 (Newton)
    - 03/01/18 – Introduction, first reading and referred to Education Innovation Policy
  
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  - H.F. 3094 (Lohmer) - School district bond referendum information required to be available in the polling place, and ballot language for school district bond referendums amended.
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 2605 (Housley)
    - 02/26/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Government Operations and Elections Policy
  
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  - H.F. 2959 (Fischer) - School districts authorized to renew expiring referendums by action of school board.
    - Senate Companion Bill – S.F. 2506 (Wiger)
    - 02/22/18 – Introduction, first reading, referred to Education Innovation Policy
  
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  - H.F. 2734 (Quam) - School districts allowed to access personnel files of prospective teachers from their employing districts.
    - Senate Companion Bill – None
    - 02/20/18 – Introduction, first reading and referred to Education Innovation Policy
  
- H.F. 2295 (Thissen) - Minnesota Government Data Practices Act accessibility requirements for public data clarified; application of electronic information accessibility standards expanded to state colleges, universities, and school districts; and process for responding to accessibility complaints provided.
    - Senate Companion Bill – None
    - 03/09/17 – Introduction, first reading and referred to Civil Law and Data Practices Policy



## Miscellaneous Links



[2018 Budget Tracking Spreadsheets](#) (click hyperlink to see bills)

Each legislative session, the fiscal staff of Senate Counsel, Research and Fiscal Analysis Offices create spreadsheets to record executive and legislative budget decisions at key steps in the budget process.



[Senate Bills – Education and Education Dept](#) (click hyperlink to see bills)

As of 04/05/18, there are 396 bills in this category



[Senate Bills – Education – Pre-K](#) (click hyperlink to see bills)

As of 04/05/18, there are 312 bills in this category



[Senate Bills – School Districts, Specific](#) (click hyperlink to see bills)

As of 04/05/18, there are 14 bills in this category



[House Bills – Education and Education Department](#) (click hyperlink to see bills)

As of 04/05/18, there are 131 bills in this category



[House Bills – Education – K-12](#) (click hyperlink to see bills)

As of 04/05/18, there are 263 bills in this category



[House Bills – Education-School Districts](#) (click hyperlink to see bills)

As of 04/05/18, there are 50 bills in this category

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