

ISD 709 Legislative Platform Priorities for 2017-18

Special Education / New Special Education Formula

- 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
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Equity through School Based Early Education Programs

- 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

Former Duluth Central High School

- 03/12/18 - Email to MN Senator Erik Simonson to reconfirm support for private development sales and use tax exemption authorization
 - 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

Mandate Reform & Reduction

Increase Support for Full-Service Community Schools Model

School Safety Bill - Supported by ISD 709

- H.F. 3302 (Quam) - Teacher and school staff training in dangerous situations and firearm provision funding provided, and money appropriated
 - 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.
 - 03/05/18 - Introduction, first reading; referred to Education Finance
- 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)
 - 03/05/18 - Introduction, first reading; referred to Education Finance

School Safety - New Bills

- H.F. 3315 - MDE Policy Bill
 - Summary of 2018 Education Policy Bill
- 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. 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
- 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
- School Safety - Letter to education leaders by MSBA

Other Items of Note

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

Bills introduced that may be of interest/note; not an all inclusive list of education bills introduced (Source: MN ASA):

- [H.F. 1507](#) (Lucero) - creating the Student Data Privacy Act; providing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 13.32, subdivision 1, by adding Subdivisions (Senate Companion S.F. [1961](#) (Pratt))
- [H. F. 2724](#) (Jürgen's) Prohibiting school lunch providers from shaming students; requiring meals policies to be posted to school websites; creating a supplementary reserve fund
- [H. F. 2734](#) (Quam) Allowing school districts to access personnel files of prospective teachers from their employing districts
- [H. F. 2737](#) (Erickson) Creating a directory of cross-references to statutes governing school district flexibility
- [H. F. 2744](#) (Garofalo) Setting the minimum required pupil transportation distance for all students
- [H. F. 2772](#), (Drazkowski) A bill for an act relating to education; modifying provisions on the transportation of nonresident pupils within resident districts; modifying achievement and integration district transfers
- [H. F. 2777](#) (Fenton) Expanding grounds for teacher license revocation, suspension, or denial; expanding grounds for teacher discharge
- [H. F. 2794](#), Making members and employees of the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board and the Board of School Administrators mandated reporters
- [H. F. 2795](#) (Loon) Codifying teacher code of ethics; requiring background checks; expanding mandatory reporting; expanding grounds for teacher discharge; expanding criminal sexual conduct offenses for persons in current or recent positions of authority over juveniles
- [H. F. 2859](#) (Erickson) Requiring state assessments to be administered in May
- [H. F. 2936](#) (Erickson) Transferring administration of school trust lands; establishing the school trust management account; authorizing rulemaking; requiring a report
- [H.F. 3370](#) (Franke) A bill for an act relating to education; requiring threat assessment teams and oversight committees; providing access to criminal history records and health records; appropriating money
- [H.F.3587](#) (Peterson) A bill for an act relating to education; providing for non-exclusionary pupil disciplinary policies and practices; requiring a report
- [H.F. 3589](#) (Urdahl) A bill for an act relating to education; requiring reporting on civics test questions

- [S.F. No. 2477](#) (Lourey) Providing enhanced debt service equalization for school districts in certain unique situations
- [S.F. No. 2487](#) (Nelson) Providing for an academic balance policy
- [S.F. No. 2537](#) (Hoffman) Clarifying the definition of teacher
- [S.F. No. 2538](#) (Hoffman) Requiring paid orientation or professional development for special education paraprofessionals
- [S.F. No. 2552](#) (Housley) Increasing board-approved referendum authority; appropriating money
- [S.F. No. 2605](#) (Housley) Elections; requiring certain information to be available in the polling place for school district bond referendums; amending the ballot language required for school district bond referendums
- [S.F. 2907](#) (Cwodzinski) Addressing school safety and student support, including modifications to crisis management information, review and comment submissions, and allowable uses of safe schools levy; increasing safe schools levy authority; codifying the support our students grant program; appropriating money
- [S.F. 2920](#) (Pratt) Providing for non-exclusionary pupil disciplinary policies and practices; requiring a report
- [S.F. 2993](#) (Bigham) Requiring threat assessment teams and oversight committees; providing access to criminal history records and health records; appropriating money
- [S.F. 3020](#) (Abeler) Increasing the safe schools levy; authorizing the safe schools levy to be spent on cyber security activities; linking the portion of the levy available for intermediate school districts to the school district per pupil allowance
- [S.F. 3038](#) (Kent) Limiting the length of state assessments
- [S.F. 3040](#) (Housley) Increasing school district revenues for pupil transportation; modifying calculation of pupil transportation adjustment; appropriating money
- [S.F. 3061](#) (Hall) Requiring display of national motto in school buildings
- [S.F. 3087](#) (Pratt) Increasing the safe schools levy
- [S.F. 3123](#) (Nelson) Increasing state aid for school district telecommunications projects; appropriating money

Miscellaneous Links

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