



April 2, 2025  
Minnesota Senate Education Finance Committee  
Minnesota Senate Office Building  
95 University Ave W  
St Paul, MN 55103

Re: Vote no on SF2255

Chair Kunesh and Members of the Committee,

Minnesota Family Council represents tens of thousands of families across the state, and on their behalf, we urge you to oppose SF2255.

Minnesota faces a looming deficit of a projected \$6 billion in 2028-2029. The Governor's revised budget, released on March 21, 2025, cuts state funding to students seeking nonpublic education and nonpublic transportation starting in FY 2026.<sup>1,2</sup> Qualifying students who receive nonpublic pupil aid receive state funding for textbooks, testing, school counseling, school nursing, and transportation. Minnesota faces challenges in education as students' literacy and math proficiency rates have lowered in recent years.<sup>3</sup> As students seek to raise their proficiency scores, and as families search for the best schooling for their situation, state education money should fund students rather than fund systems.

The state faces a budget deficit, but cutting funding to Minnesota's students seeking education alternatives should not be one of the first places the state reconciles the budget.

Regards,

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<sup>1</sup>State of Minnesota, Minnesota Department of Education Revised 2026-27 Governor's Biennial Budget Recommendations (2025). Retrieved April 1, 2025, from [https://mn.gov/mmb-stat/documents/budget/2026-27-biennial-budget-books/governors-revised-march/education.pdf?sm\\_guid=ODU3ODQ2fDc5NjgXNjYxfC0xfGJIY2NhZGVsYWh1bnRAZ21haWwuY29tfDc4ODEzNT8fDB8MHwyNTU1ODQxMzV8MTA2NHwwfDB8fDg1MzAwMXww0](https://mn.gov/mmb-stat/documents/budget/2026-27-biennial-budget-books/governors-revised-march/education.pdf?sm_guid=ODU3ODQ2fDc5NjgXNjYxfC0xfGJIY2NhZGVsYWh1bnRAZ21haWwuY29tfDc4ODEzNT8fDB8MHwyNTU1ODQxMzV8MTA2NHwwfDB8fDg1MzAwMXww0).

<sup>2</sup>HF2255 (2025).

<sup>3</sup>Rantala, J. (2024, August 29). *Under half of Minnesota students are proficient in reading and math, Test Scores Show*. CBS News. <https://www.cbsnews.com/minnesota/news/under-half-of-minnesota-students-are-proficient-in-reading-and-math-test-scores-show/>