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The Charter School *Advocate*

NEXT WEEK @ THE LEGISLATURE - JAN. 16-20, 2023

Next **Wednesday (January 18th)**, the House Education Finance Committee will hear the universal free lunch bill **HF5**. On the same day, the Senate Education Policy Committee will hear **SF123**, the companion Senate bill.

If your school has any concerns about your school's facility or staffing compacity with providing universal free lunch, contact your [legislator](#) this week. MACS is here to help! Please reach out if you need any assistance.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11TH - MN HOUSE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION:

Heard **HF 5** - which would provide free school lunch and breakfast for all students. *Passed and referred to the House Education Finance Committee.* (Companion bill in Senate SF123)

Heard **HF 44** - which would require school districts to provide access to free menstrual products for their students in grades four to twelve. *Passed and referred to the House Education Finance Committee.* (Companion bill in Senate SF50)

COMMENT: Both proposals were proposed in the last legislative session.

INVITE YOUR LEGISLATOR NOW TO VISIT YOUR SCHOOL TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CHARTERS

Given the fact that there are so many new legislators and that many schools are in

new legislative districts, it is CRITICAL that you invite your legislators to visit your school NOW. It is clear from committee meetings and conversations with legislators that they **NEED** to get to know charter schools in their districts so that the misconceptions being told about charters can be addressed.

WE CANNOT BE EFFECTIVE AT THE LEGISLATURE IF LEGISLATORS DO NOT KNOW THE CHARTER SCHOOLS AND PEOPLE IN THEIR DISTRICT. [Find your legislators here.](#)

POLICY BRIEFING INFOGRAPHICS

The Association has developed a series of infographics on various public policy issues as a tool to assist you in educating your board, staff, parents, and broader school community.

[Here is a link](#) to the first Infographic on the EXTENDED TIME REVENUE issue.

LEGISLATION INTRODUCED THIS WEEK

SF267 - Strengthening the Increase Teachers of Color Act in higher education; making permanent a pilot scholarship program for aspiring teachers of color; etc.; appropriating money

SF243 - Appropriating money for a school bus safety education campaign

SF242 - Requiring an online personal finance class for high school graduation

SF241 - Requiring school buses to be equipped with stop-signal arm extensions

SF239 - Requiring school boards to publish certain information about consulting fees

SF237 - Appropriating funds for small school district disability access grants (*charters not eligible*)

SF223/HF324 - Allowing resident charter school students to participate in extracurricular activities

SF206 - Providing for equal access to school athletic teams and facilities

SF205 - Removing the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board's rulemaking authority; directing the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board to amend a rule

SF194/HF158 -Establishing the Minnesota Youth Advisory Council; requiring the Legislative Coordinating Commission to appoint an executive director; specifying duties of the council; requiring reports; proposing coding for new law

SF183/HF 271 - Providing for non-exclusionary discipline (would apply to ALL public schools)

SF182 - Requiring a postsecondary institution to notify a school of student withdrawal; requiring a student to provide a school with a copy of grades taken for secondary credit

SF163/HF192 - Promoting digital well-being education and training for the health, mental well-being, and learning of all Minnesota students as it relates to the use of digital media

SF122/HF182 - Requiring seat belts on newly purchased school buses

SF104/HF211 - Requiring school observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day, establishing Indigenous Peoples' Day as a state holiday and eliminating Christopher Columbus Day as a state holiday

SF90 - Allowing permitted and trained school staff to carry firearms

SF86 – Require reporting of student fights

SF76 - Creating a parent's bill of rights

SF69/HF58 - Prohibiting dismissals of students in kindergarten through grade 3

SF65 - Appropriating money for additional school safety specialists

SF60/HF133 - Allowing educational data sharing with Tribal nations about Tribally enrolled or descendent students

SF28/HF18 - Fully funding school district special education services, appropriating money

SF2/HF 2 - Providing for paid family and medical leave; appropriating money; (would apply to ALL employers)

HF333 - Modifying provisions for teachers licensed in another state to teach in Minnesota;

HF331 - Allowing school districts to access personnel files of prospective teachers from their employing districts

HF321 - Limiting the educational data that may be designated as publicly available directory information

HF320 - Teachers of Color Act strengthened, percentage of teachers of color and American Indian teacher in Minnesota increased, world's best workforce requirements amended

HF256 - Teacher and school staff training in dangerous situations in schools and to provide teachers and school staff with firearms funding provided, and money appropriated

HF248 - Prohibiting certain material in school libraries

HF174 - Requiring commissioner of education to develop a model program for sexual health education

HF160 - Integrating service-learning into Minnesota's education system, establishing an evidence-based service-learning technical assistance and grant program

HF148 - Modifying short-call substitute teacher requirements;

HF142 - Requiring reasonable accommodations for parents of children with disabilities

HF114 - Establishing the funding for success incentive aid program, appropriating money

HF113 - Establishing the Student Religious Liberties Act

HF112 - Delaying review of physical education standards

HF105 - Expanding the use of extended time to pupils enrolled in career and technical education courses

HF59 - Modifying charter school admission requirements for schools with 90% special education students


MDE REMINDER - Dissemination of Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) Information to Families Deadline

By March 1 of each year, or three weeks prior to the district's course registration date (whichever is earlier), a district must provide up-to-date information about the PSEO program to all students in grades 8-11. **This requirement applies to both traditional districts and charter schools.**

Information about the PSEO program, including enrollment requirements and the opportunity to earn postsecondary credit, must be published on the district's or school's website and in materials that are distributed to parents and students. To provide consistent and helpful guidance about PSEO, updated language is available on the MDE [Postsecondary Enrollment Options \(PSEO\)](#)


webpage. This language can be used on traditional district and charter school websites to satisfy this statutory obligation.

"Unleashing education from convention" - is more than the MACS motto, it is a reminder of our purpose, our goals and it serves as a clarion **Call To Action.**

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