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The Charter School *Advocate*

THIS WEEK @ THE LEGISLATURE

The Legislature came back from the Easter / Passover Recess on Tuesday, April 19th. The Senate Finance Committee heard the literacy focused Senate Education Omnibus Bill. It passed and was sent to the Senate Floor. The Senate Education Omnibus Bill of \$30.7 Million only deals with literacy. The House Education Omnibus Bill is \$1.115 Billion – a gap of over \$1.1 Billion.

STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS THIS SUNDAY

Governor Tim Walz will deliver his State of the State Address on **Sunday April 24th at 6pm** in the Capitol House Chamber.

MORE LEGISLATORS ANNOUNCE RETIREMENTS:

- **Senator Ann Johnson Stewart** (DFL – District 44) – No chartered public schools in district
- **Senator Kent Eken** (DFL- District 4) – No chartered public schools in district

PROPOSED FEDERAL CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAM REGULATIONS UPDATE:

According to the Federal Comment Portal, the US Department of Education (DOE) received **29,944 comments** in either support or opposition to the proposed regulations during the month-long comment period. We want to thank those of you who took the time to submit comments in opposition to the proposed Federal Charter School Regulations. Hopefully, the

proposed regulations will be withdrawn and the DOE will then follow the normal process for creating regulations which includes consultation with stakeholders.

"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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