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### Disclamer

This scorecard is for informational purposes only. When judging the qualifications of any candidate or incumbent, voters should consider matters such as performance on committees, constituent service, and positions on all matters in addition to those reflected on the scorecard.

### Introduction

Dear friends,

I am thrilled to release MinnCAN's first legislative scorecard! In 2013 and 2014, during the 88th Legislature, we worked to find changing-the-odds public schools, share their stories at the Capitol and help their successes inform policy that will improve public schools across Minnesota. This scorecard showcases the tremendous progress we made to pass and implement such policies and to ensure that all kids have access to a great public school.

### During the 88th Legislature, our bipartisan allies:

- invested nearly \$45 million to help low-income 3- and 4-year-olds access quality pre-K
- strengthened public charter school accountability
- implemented well-rounded educator evaluations
- made schools safer
- allowed the state to recruit and retain the best teachers and leaders
- increased college access, and more.

Still, we know we must do much more to guarantee each and every Minnesota kid a high-quality education.

### Our five policy pillars guide our efforts:

- Start early with high-quality pre-K
- Expand high-quality school options for all families
- Elevate great teaching and leadership
- Meet individual student needs
- Set high expectations for everyone

These pillars—as well as our conversations with educators across the state—inform the policies we pursue on behalf of Minnesota kids.

This scorecard highlights these policies, holds our elected officials accountable and helps you better understand where your legislators stand on important education issues facing our state. Find out who represents you here: *edscorecard.minncan.org.* (coming soon)

### How this scorecard works

Legislators' scores reflect the percentage of votes they took in support of our policy initiatives to improve public schools. For example, a legislator who voted 80 percent of the time with MinnCAN received 80 points. We then gave 15 extra credit points to legislators who played a leading role on an important policy—whether it passed into law, was discussed or voted on by committee, caucus or the general body, or failed to be considered in a meaningful way. Points and extra credit were compiled to give each legislator a final score, not exceeding 100.

The 88th Legislature proved to us once again that real progress to improve our schools and increase academic achievement for all kids is possible, but oftentimes far too slow. We'll accomplish more during the next biennium only with a relentless belief in all kids, a commitment to passing and implementing smart policy, and the continued backing of people like you.

Thank you for your support!

**Daniel Sellers** 

**MinnCAN's Executive Director** 

# **Education champions: MinnCAN's Top 3**

MinnCAN strives to celebrate legislators who go above and beyond to ensure all kids have access to a great public school. Education champions in our Top 3 act boldly—often crossing party lines—to support proposals that aim to improve our schools, elevate great teaching and leadership, and prepare all kids for successful futures. To rank our Top 3 education champions, we started with each legislator's composite score, and—to recognize those who consistently took a stand for kids—added an additional point for each important policy on which they led.

### **Senate**

Top 3 Democrats

Terri Bonoff Melisa Franzen Ron Latz **Top 3 Republicans** 

Carla Nelson Branden Petersen Eric Pratt House

Top 3 Democrats

Yvonne Selcer Kim Norton Paul Rosenthal Top 3 Republicans

Anna Wills Bob Barrett Bud Nornes

### Minnesota Senate

# Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act (HF826)

This legislation provides clear definitions of bullying and intimidation, as well as prevention and intervention training and resources for students, staff and school volunteers. The law enumerates protections for students who are most likely to be bullied or harassed because of their actual or perceived race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, immigration status, family and socioeconomic status, physical appearance, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression. Students who are bullied or who feel unsafe in school have higher rates of absenteeism, lower aspirations to attend post-secondary schooling and below average GPAs. This legislation helps identify and hold schools accountable for student safety. The Senate passed the bill on April 3, 2014. Democrats: 36 yes, 3 no, 0 not voting; Republicans: 0 yes, 28 no, 0 not voting.

— MinnCAN supported the bill.

# 2 Staffing flexibility (Senator Pratt Amendment to HF2397)

Sen. Eric Pratt offered an amendment to the omnibus education policy bill that would repeal seniority-based layoffs and bumping, and would provide greater flexibility when assigning the best teachers to schools most in need. The amendment would require school districts and local unions to negotiate a process should school districts need to lay off teachers.

Minnesota is one of only 14 states nationwide with a law that bases teacher layoffs on seniority. It doesn't matter if a teacher goes the extra mile or increases student achievement; if that teacher is relatively new, he or she will be the first to be laid off. The Senate failed to pass the amendment on April 8, 2014. Democrats: 4 yes, 29 no, 5 not voting; Republicans: 25 yes, 0 no, 3 not voting.

— MinnCAN supported the amendment.

# 3 Student teacher placement with effective mentors (Senator Petersen Amendment to HF2397)

Sen. Branden Petersen offered an amendment to the omnibus education policy bill that would require that, during their clinical experience, student teachers be placed only with effective educators, as determined by professional teacher evaluations. Teachers who are deemed ineffective by the three-year summative evaluation should concentrate on their own professional development rather than the development of our future teachers. The Senate failed to pass the amendment on April 8, 2014. Democrats: 3 yes, 32 no, 4 not voting; Republicans: 24 yes, 0 no, 4 not voting.

— MinnCAN supported the amendment.

# 4 PSEO "gag rule" (HF2397 Conference Report)

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options, or PSEO, enables 10th-, 11th- and 12th-graders to earn college credit while still in high school. Colleges and universities can provide information to students and parents about PSEO, but only pertaining to the program's academic benefits-not its financial perks. The final vote on the

omnibus education policy bill hinged on a small, yet important provision allowing colleges and universities to talk about the money families could save by participating in the program. The Senate passed the conference report on May 14, 2014. Democrats: 32 yes, 4 no, 3 not voting; Republicans: 5 yes, 21 no, 2 not voting.

— MinnCAN supported the Conference Report.

# Remedial instruction student reimbursement (Senator Pratt Amendment to HF630)

Sen. Pratt introduced the "Remedial Instruction; High School Diploma Warranty" provision as an amendment to the omnibus K-12 education policy and finance bill. This amendment instructs high schools to pay a portion of the tuition required for remedial courses taken by college students who graduated high school but did not exhibit proficiency in the subjects where they needed remediation. The Senate failed to pass the amendment on April 24, 2013. Democrats: 3 yes, 35 no, 1 not voting; Republicans: 23 yes, 4 no, 1 not voting.

— MinnCAN supported the amendment.

# 6 Seniority-based layoffs (Senator Petersen Amendment to HF630)

Sen. Petersen introduced an amendment to the omnibus K-12 education policy and finance bill. The amendment would require school districts and local unions to negotiate a process should school districts need to lay off teachers. The Senate failed to pass the amendment on April 24, 2013. Democrats: 3 yes, 35 no, 1 not voting; Republicans: 27 yes, 0 no, 1 not voting.

— MinnCAN supported the amendment.

# **7** Seniority-based "bumping" (Senator Petersen Amendment to HF630)

Sen. Petersen introduced an amendment to the omnibus K-12 education policy and finance bill. The amendment would remove the requirement that school districts implement "bumping" or the reinstatement of laid-off teachers based only on seniority and not on any other variables, such as subject expertise, effectiveness or innovation in the classroom. Under current law, should a Minnesota school lay off an English teacher who also happens to have a license in math, for example, that English teacher could replace a math teacher with less seniority. The Senate failed to pass the amendment on April 24, 2013. Democrats: 4 yes, 34 no, 1 not voting; Republicans: 28 yes, 0 no, 0 not voting.

— MinnCAN supported the amendment.

# Minnesota Senate

### Key

- 1. Anti-bullying
- 2. Staffing flexibility
- **3.** Student teachers
- 4. PSEO
- 5. Remedial reimbursement
- 6. Layoff plans
- 7. Retaining experts

- Voted in support of MinnCAN position
- Voted against MinnCAN position
- Didn't vote
- ★ Indicates this legislator received 15 extra credit points, which is included in the score

#### SENATE SCORECARD

Senator Major Cities	<b>Party</b> District	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Extra Credit
<b>Bruce D. Anderson</b> Buffalo, St. Michael		71		•	•		•	•	•	☆
Thomas M. Bakk Cook, Two Harbors	DFL 03	14	•							☆
Michelle R. Benson Ham Lake, East Bethel		71		•	•		•	•	•	☆
Terri E. Bonoff Minnetonka, Plymouth	DFL 44	100	•	•	•	•		•	•	*
David M. Brown Becker, Princeton		43		•				•	•	☆
Jim Carlson Eagan, Burnsville	DFL 51	29	•			•				☆
Roger C. Chamberlain Lino Lakes, White Bear Lake		86		•	•		•	•	•	*
Bobby Joe Champion Minneapolis	<b>DFL</b> 59	44	•				•			*
<b>Greg D. Clausen</b> Apple Valley, Rosemount	<b>DFL</b> 57	44	•			•				*
Richard Cohen St. Paul	<b>DFL</b> 64	29	•			•				*
<b>Kevin L. Dahle</b> Northfield, New Prague	<b>DFL</b> 20	44	•			•				*
Gary H. Dahms Redwood Falls, Marshall		72		•	•			•	•	*
D. Scott Dibble Minneapolis	DFL 61	44	•			•				*
Kari Dziedzic Minneapolis	DFL 60	44	•			•				*
Chris A. Eaton Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park	<b>DFL</b> 40	29	•			•				☆
Kent Eken Twin Valley, Moorhead	<b>DFL</b> 04	44	•			•				*
Michelle L. Fischbach Paynesville, Sartell		71		•	•		•	•	•	☆
Melisa Franzen Edina, Bloomington	<b>DFL</b> 49	86	•	•		•		•	•	*
Paul E. Gazelka Nisswa, Little Falls		71		•	•		•	•	•	☆
Barb Goodwin Colombia Heights, Fridley	DFL 41	14	•							☆
<b>Dan D. Hall</b> Burnsville, Lakeville		71		•	•		•	•	•	☆
David W. Hann Eden Prairie, Chanhassen		71		•	•		•	•	•	☆

Senator Major Cities	<b>Party</b> District	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Extra Credit
Foung Hawj St. Paul	<b>DFL</b> 67	44	•			•				*
Jeff Hayden Minneapolis	DFL 62	58	•			•	•			*
John A. Hoffman Champlin, Brooklyn Park, Coon Rapids	<b>DFL</b> 36	44	•			•				*
Karin Housley St. Marys Point, Forest Lake, Stillwater		71		•	•		•	•	•	☆
Bill Ingebrigtsen Alexandria, Fergus Falls		57		•	•			•	•	☆
Vicki Jensen Owatonna, Faribault	DFL 24	44	•			•				*
Alice M. Johnson Spring Lake Park, Blaine	<b>DFL</b> 37	44	•			•				*
Susan Kent Woodbury, Maplewood	<b>DFL</b> 53	72	•	•		•			•	*
Mary Kiffmeyer Big Lake, Elk River		71		•		•	•	•	•	☆
Lyle Koenen Clara City, Willmar	DFL 17	14				•				☆
Ron Latz St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Golden Valley Plymouth	<b>DFL</b> 46	86	•	•	•	•		•	•	☆
Warren Limmer Maple Grove, Rogers		43					•	•	•	☆
Tony Lourey Kerrick, Cloquet	DFL 11	29	•			•				☆
John Marty Roseville, St. Paul	DFL 66	29	•			•				☆
James P. Metzen South St. Paul, Inver Grove Heights	<b>DFL</b> 52	44	•			•				*
Jeremy R. Miller Winona, La Crescent		72			•		•	•	•	*
Carla J. Nelson Rochester, Stewartville		100		•	•	•	•	•	•	*
Scott J. Newman Hutchinson, Litchfield		86		•	•	•	•	•	•	☆
Sean R. Nienow Cambridge, North Branch		86		•	•		•	•	•	*
Julianne E. Ortman Chanhassen, Chaska		71		•	•		•	•	•	☆
David J. Osmek Mound, Orono		71		•	•		•	•	•	☆
Sandra L. Pappas St. Paul	<b>DFL</b> 65	44	•			•				*

<b>Senator</b> Major Cities	<b>Party</b> District	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Extra Credit
John C. Pederson St. Cloud, Waite Park		72				•	•	•	•	*
Branden Petersen Andover, Ramsey		100		•	•	•	•	•	•	*
Eric R. Pratt Prior Lake, Shakopee		86		•	•		•	•	•	*
Roger J. Reinert Duluth	<b>DFL</b> 07	29	•			•				☆
Ann H. Rest New Hope, Crystal	<b>DFL</b> 45	43	•		•	•				☆
Julie A. Rosen Vernon Center, Farmont		58		•	•			•		*
Carrie Ruud Breezy Point, Brainerd		71		•	•		•	•	•	☆
Tom Saxhaug Grand Rapids, Bemidji	<b>DFL</b> 05	29	•							*
<b>Bev Scalze</b> Little Canada, Mounds View	<b>DFL</b> 42	29	•			•				☆
Matt Schmit Red Wing, Lake City	<b>DFL</b> 21	44	•			•				*
David H. Seniem Rochester		72		•	•		•		•	*
Kathy Sheran Mankato, North Mankato	DFL 19	44	•			•				*
Katie Sieben Newport, Cottage Grove	<b>DFL</b> 54	44	•			•				*
Rod Skoe Clearbrook, Bemidji	<b>DFL</b> 02	29	•			•				☆
<b>Dan Sparks</b> Austin, Albert Lee	<b>DFL</b> 27	0								☆
<b>LeRoy A. Stumpf</b> Plummer, Thief River Falls	<b>DFL</b> 01	15								*
Dave Thompson Lakeville, Farmington		86		•	•		•	•	•	*
David J. Tomassoni Chisholm, Hibbing	<b>DFL</b> 06	14	•							☆
Patricia Torres Ray Minneapolis, Richfield	<b>DFL</b> 63	58	•			•	•			*
Bill Weber Luverne, Worthington		71		•	•		•	•	•	☆
Torrey N. Westrom Elbow Lake, Morris		57		•	•			•	•	$\Rightarrow$
Charles W. Wiger Maplewood, White Bear Lake	<b>DFL</b> 43	44	•			•				*
Melissa H. Wiklund Bloomington	<b>DFL</b> 50	44	•			•				*

# Minnesota House of Representatives

# **1** Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act (HF826)

This legislation provides clear definitions of bullying and intimidation, as well as prevention and intervention training and resources for students, staff and school volunteers. The law enumerates protections for students who are most likely to be bullied or harassed because of their actual or perceived race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, immigration status, family and socioeconomic status, physical appearance, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression. Students who are bullied or who feel unsafe in school have higher rates of absenteeism, lower aspirations to attend post-secondary schooling and below average GPAs. This legislation helps identify and hold schools accountable for student safety. The House passed the bill on April 8, 2014. Democrats: 69 yes, 3 no, 1 not voting; Republicans: 0 yes, 60 no, 1 not voting.

— MinnCAN supported the bill.

# 2 Seniority-based layoffs (HF2397 Amendment 79)

Rep. Sondra Erickson introduced an amendment to the Omnibus education policy bill. The amendment would require school districts and local unions to negotiate a process should school districts need to lay off teachers.

Minnesota is one of only 14 states nationwide with a law that bases teacher layoffs on seniority. It doesn't matter if a teacher goes the extra mile or increases student achievement: if that teacher

is relatively new, he or she will be the first to be laid off. The House failed to pass the amendment on April 4, 2014. Democrats: 0 yes, 70 no, 3 not voting; Republicans: 51 yes, 0 no, 10 not voting.

— MinnCAN supported the amendment.

# **3** Student teacher placement with effective teachers (HF 2397 Amendment 53)

Rep. Erickson offered an amendment to the omnibus education policy bill that would require that, during their clinical experience, student teachers be placed only with effective educators, as determined by professional teacher evaluations. Teachers who are deemed ineffective by the three-year summative evaluation should concentrate on their own professional development rather than the development of our future teachers. The House failed to pass the amendment on April 4, 2014. Democrats: 3 yes, 67 no, 3 not voting; Republicans: 51 yes, 0 no, 10 not voting.

— MinnCAN supported the amendment.

## Women's Economic Security Act (HF2536)

This bill addresses economic insecurity and gender disparities threatening women and families. A vital provision in the legislation considered by the House removes the arbitrary \$5,000 cap on early learning scholarships. The average tuition for early learning programs is about \$6,000, so the \$5,000 scholarship cap prevented some low-income families from enrolling their kids in high-quality early learning programs. The House removed this cap by passing the comprehensive version of HF2536 on April 9, 2014. Democrats: 70 yes, 0 no, 3 not voting; Republicans: 36 yes, 24 no, 1 not voting.

— MinnCAN supported the bill.

# Remedial instruction student reimbursement (HF630 Amendment 65-3)

Rep. Erickson introduced an amendment to the omnibus K-12 education policy and finance bill. The amendment requires the state to reimburse Minnesota high school graduates the cost of any remedial courses they are required to take before entering a Minnesota public higher education institution. The House failed to pass the amendment on April 23, 2013. Democrats: 0 yes, 73 no, 0 not voting; Republicans: 61 yes, 0 no, 0 not voting.

— MinnCAN supported the amendment.

# 6 Student placement with effective teachers (HF630 Amendment 61)

Rep. Erickson introduced an amendment to the omnibus K-12 education policy and finance bill. The amendment prevents school administrators from placing students in consecutive years with a teacher who receives the lowest evaluation rating. Students who are tracked with low-performing teachers often need effective teachers to bring them to proficiency. This amendment requires school administrators consider the needs of all kids. The House failed to pass the amendment on April 23, 2013. Democrats: 6 yes, 67 no, 0 not voting; Republicans: 61 yes, 0 no, 0 not voting.

— MinnCAN supported the amendment.

# 7 Charter School Authorizer Empowerment (HF630 Amendment 58)

Rep. Kelby Woodard introduced an amendment to the omnibus K-12 education policy and finance bill. The amendment requires the authorizers of chronically low-performing charter schools to either close the schools or write a letter to the Minnesota Department of Education explaining the benefits of the schools and how the schools might measure growth and proficiency differently from state standards. The House failed to pass the amendment on April 23, 2013. Democrats: 3 yes, 70 no, 0 not voting; Republicans: 60 yes, 1 no, 0 not voting.

— MinnCAN supported the amendment.

# Seniority-based "bumping" (HF 630 Amendment 59)

Rep. Erickson introduced an amendment to the omnibus K-12 education policy and finance bill. The amendment would remove the requirement that school districts implement "bumping" or the reinstatement of laid-off teachers based only on seniority and not on any other variables, such as subject expertise, effectiveness or innovation in the classroom. Under current law, should a Minnesota school lay off an English teacher who also happens to have a license in math, for example, that English teacher could replace a math teacher with less seniority. The House failed to pass the amendment on April 23, 2013. Democrats: 0 yes, 73 no, 0 not voting; Republican: 57 yes, 4 no, 0 not voting.

— MinnCAN supported the amendment.

# **9** Retaining effective teachers (HF630 Amendment 157)

Rep. Erickson introduced an amendment to the omnibus K-12 education policy and finance bill. Should a school district need to resort to teacher layoffs, this amendment requires educators be laid off based on effectiveness, as demonstrated by the results of their teacher evaluation, rather than by seniority. The House failed to pass the amendment on April 23, 2013. Democrats:1 yes, 72 no, not voting; Republican: 59 yes, 1 no, 1 not voting.

MinnCAN supported the amendment.

# Minnesota House of Representatives

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- Anti-bullying
- **2.** Layoff plans
- Student teachers
- 4. Pre-k scholarships
- 5. Remedial reimbursement
- 6. Student placements
- Charter authorizers
- Retaining experts
- 9. Protecting great educators

- Voted in support of MinnCAN position
- Voted against MinnCAN position
- Didn't vote
- ★ Indicates this legislator received 15 extra credit points, which is included in the score

#### HOUSE SCORECARD

<b>Senator</b> Major Cities	<b>Party</b> District		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Extra Credit
Jim Abeler Coon Rapids, Anoka		71				•	•	•	•		•	*
<b>Tony Albright</b> Prior Lake, Jordan		78		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	☆
Susan Allen Minneapolis	DFL 62B	37	•			•						*
Mark Anderson Lake Shore, Wadena		78		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	☆
Paul Anderson Starbuck, Sauk Centre		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	☆
Sarah Anderson Plymouth		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	☆
Tom Anzelc Balsam Township, Grand Rapids	<b>DFL</b> 05B	37	•			•						*
Joe Atkins Inver Grove Heights, Mendota Heights	DFL 52B	26				•						*
Bob Barrett Lindstrom, Chisago City		100		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*
Michael Beard Jackson, Shakopee		78		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	☆
John Benson Minnetonka, Plymouth	<b>DFL</b> 44B	37	•			•						*
Mike Benson Rochester, Stewartville		71					•	•	•	•	•	*
Connie Bernardy Fridley, New Brighton	DFL 41A	37	•			•						*
<b>David Bly</b> Northfield, Longsdale	DFL 20B	37	•			•						*
Kathy Brynaert Mankato, Eagle Lake	DFL 19B	37	•			•						*
<b>Lyndon Carlson Sr.</b> New Hope, Crystal	<b>DFL</b> 45A	37	•			•						*
Karen Clark Minneapolis	<b>DFL</b> 62A	37	•			•						*
Tony Cornish Vernon Center, St. James		56				•	•	•	•		•	☆
Kurt Daudt Crown, Oak Grove		78		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	☆
Greg Davids Preston, Spring Valley		44				•	•	•	•			$\Rightarrow$
<b>Jim Davnie</b> Minneapolis	DFL 63A	48	•			•			•			*
Matt Dean Dellwood		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	☆

Senator Major Cities	<b>Party</b> District		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Extra Credit
Raymond Dehn Minneapolis	<b>DFL</b> 59B	37	•			•						*
<b>Bob Dettmer</b> Forest Lake, White Bear Lake		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	☆
David Dill Crane Lake	<b>DFL</b> 03A	11				•						☆
Zachary Dorholt St. Cloud	DFL 14B	37	•			•						*
Steve Drazkowski Mazeppa, Pine Island		93		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	*
Ron Erhardt Edina	<b>DFL</b> 49A	22	•			•						☆
Roger Erickson Baudette	<b>DFL</b> 02A	37	•			•						*
Sondra Erickson Princeton, Milaca		93		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	*
<b>Dan Fabian</b> Roseau		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	$\Rightarrow$
Andrew Falk Murdock, Benson	DFL 17A	37	•			•						*
Tim Faust Hinckley Pine City	DFL 11B	48	•		•	•						*
Peter Fisher Maplewood White Bear Lake, Mahtomedi	<b>DFL</b> 43A	37	•			•						*
<b>David FitzSimmons</b> Albertville St. Michael		78		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	$\Rightarrow$
Mary Franson Alexandria Osakis		78		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	☆
Mike Freiberg Golden Valley Robbinsdale	<b>DFL</b> 45B	37	•			•						*
Patti Fritz Faribault, Medford	<b>DFL</b> 24B	37	•			•						*
Pat Garofalo Farmington		93		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	*
Steve Green Fosston, Todd		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	☆
Glenn Gruenhagen Glencoe Hutchinson		93		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	*
Bob Gunther Fairmont Blue Earth		67				•	•	•	•	•	•	☆
Tom Hackbarth Cedar Ham Lake		78		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	☆
<b>Laurie Halverson</b> Eagan	DFL 51B	37	•			•						*
Rod Hamilton Mountain Lake Worthington		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	☆
Rick Hansen St.Paul	DFL 52A	22	•			•						☆
Alice Hausman St. Paul	<b>DFL</b> 66A	22	•			•						☆

Senator Major Cities	<b>Party</b> District		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Extra Credit
<b>Jerry Hertaus</b> Greenfield Orono		78		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	☆
<b>Debra Hilstrom</b> Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park	<b>DFL</b> 40B	37	•			•						*
Mary Liz Holberg Lakeville		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	☆
<b>Joe Hoppe</b> Chaska Victoria		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	☆
Frank Hornstein Minneapolis	DFL 61A	37	•			•						*
Melissa Hortman Brooklyn Park Coon Rapids	DFL 36B	22	•			•						☆
Jeff Howe Rockville St. Joseph		100		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*
Thomas Huntley Duluth	<b>DFL</b> 07A	37	•			•						*
Jason Isaacson Shoreview Roseville	<b>DFL</b> 42B	37	•			•						*
Brian Johnson Cambridge Isanti		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	☆
Clark Johnson North Mankato St. Peter	DFL 19A	37	•			•						*
Sheldon Johnson St. Paul	<b>DFL</b> 67B	37	•			•						*
Phyllis Kahn Minneapolis	DFL 60B	37	•			•						*
Tim Kelly Red Wing Cannon Falls		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	☆
Andrea Kieffer Woodbury		93		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	*
<b>Debra Kiel</b> Crookston Andover		100		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*
Ron Kresha Little Falls, Long Prairie		100		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*
Carolyn Laine Colombia Heights New Brighton	<b>DFL</b> 41B	37	•			•						*
Ernie Leidiger Mayer, Waconia		78		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	☆
Ann Lenczewski Bloomington	DFL 50B	33	•			•					•	☆
John Lesch St. Paul	DFL 66B	37	•			•						*
<b>Tina Liebling</b> Rochester	DFL 26A	48	•			•			•			*
Ben Lien Moorhead Oakport	DFL 4A	37	•			•						*
<b>Leon Lillie</b> St. Paul	<b>DFL</b> 43B	37	•			•						*
Diane Loeffler Minneapolis	<b>DFL</b> 60A	37	•			•						*

#### Key

- 1. Anti-bullying
- 2. Layoff plans
- Student teachers
- 4. Pre-k scholarships
- 5. Remedial reimbursement
- 6. Student placements
- 7. Charter authorizers
- 8. Retaining experts
- 9. Protecting great educators

- Voted in support of MinnCAN position
- Voted against MinnCAN position
- Didn't vote
- ★ Indicates this legislator received 15 extra credit points, which is included in the score

Senator Major Cities	<b>Party</b> District		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Extra Credit
Kathy Lohmer Stillwater, Lake Elmo		78		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	$\Rightarrow$
<b>Jenifer Loon</b> Eden Prairie		93		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	*
Tara Mack Apple Valley		67				•	•	•	•	•	•	☆
<b>Tim Mahoney</b> St. Paul	<b>DFL</b> 67A	37	•			•						*
Carlos Mariani St. Paul	<b>DFL</b> 65B	37	•			•						*
Paul Marquart Dilworth, Moorhead	<b>DFL</b> 04B	37	•			•						*
Sandra Masin Eagan, Burnsville	<b>DFL</b> 51A	37	•			•						*
Joe McDonald Delano, Rockford		56					•	•	•	•	•	☆
Jay McNamar Elbow Lake, White Bear Lake	DFL 12A	37	•			•						*
<b>Denny McNamara</b> Hastings, Cottage Grove		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	☆
Carly Melin Hibbing, Marble	<b>DFL</b> 06A	37	•			•						*
Jason Metsa Virginia, Eveleth	<b>DFL</b> 06B	37	•			•						*

Senator Major Cities	<b>Party</b> District		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Extra Credit
Rena Moran St. Paul	<b>DFL</b> 65A	48	•			•		•				*
Will Morgan Burnsville	DFL 56B	37	•			•						*
Joe Mullery Minneapolis	<b>DFL</b> 59A	37	•			•						*
Erin Murphy St. Paul	DFL 64A	37	•			•						*
Mary Murphy Hermantown, Duluth	<b>DFL</b> 03B	22	•			•						☆
<b>Pam Myhra</b> Burnsville, Savage		100		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	*
Michael Nelson Brooklyn Park	DFL 40A	37	•			•						*
Jim Newberger Becker, Foley		67		•	•		•	•		•	•	☆
Jerry Newton Coon Rapids, Spring Lake Park	<b>DFL</b> 37A	37	•			•						*
Bud Nornes Fergus Falls, Perham		100		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*
Kim Norton Rochester, Cascada	DFL 25B	59	•			•		•	•			*
Tim O'Driscoll Sartell, Sauk Rapids		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	☆
Marion O'Neill Buffalo, Monticello		78		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	☆
Michael Paymar St. Paul	DFL 64B	37	•					•				*
Gene Pelowski, Jr. Winona	<b>DFL</b> 28A	0										☆
<b>Joyce Peppin</b> Rogers, Dayton		78		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	☆
<b>John Persell</b> Bemidji, Moose Lake	<b>DFL</b> 05A	37	•			•						*
John Petersburg Waseca, Owatonna		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	☆
Jeanne Poppe Austin, Lyle	<b>DFL</b> 27B	11				•						☆
Cindy Pugh Chanhassen, Shorewood		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	☆
<b>Duane Quam</b> Byron, Kasson		100		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*
Joe Radinovich Crosby, Luverne	DFL 10B	37	•			•						*
Paul Rosenthal Edina, Bloomington, Minnetonka	<b>DFL</b> 49B	59	•		•	•		•				*
<b>Linda Runbeck</b> Circle Pines		78		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	☆
Tim Sanders Blaine		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	☆

<b>Senator</b> Major Cities	<b>Party</b> District		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Extra Credit
Shannon Savick Wells	<b>DFL</b> 27A	37	•			•						*
Mary Sawatzky Willmar	<b>DFL</b> 17B	37	•			•						*
<b>Dan Schoen</b> St. Paul Park	<b>DFL</b> 54A	37	•			•						*
Joe Schomacker Luverne		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	$\Rightarrow$
Peggy Scott Andover		56					•	•	•	•	•	☆
Yvonne Selcer Minnetonka, Eden Prairie	<b>DFL</b> 48A	59	•		•	•		•				*
Steve Simon Hopkins, St. Louis Park	<b>DFL</b> 46B	37	•					•				*
Erik Simonson Duluth	<b>DFL</b> 07B	37	•			•						*
<b>Linda Slocum</b> Richfield, Bloomington	<b>DFL</b> 50A	37	•			•						*
Mike Sundin Esko, Cloquet	<b>DFL</b> 11A	22	•			•						$\Rightarrow$
Chris Swedzinski Ghent, Marshall		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	$\Rightarrow$
Tama Theis St. Cloud, Waite Park		89		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	☆
Paul Thissen Minneapolis	<b>DFL</b> 61B	22	•			•						$\Rightarrow$
Paul Torkelson Hanska, New Ulm		78		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	☆
Mark Uglem Champlin, Hutchinson		100		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*
<b>Dean Urdahl</b> Grove City		93		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	*
Jean Wagenius Minneapolis	<b>DFL</b> 63B	37	•			•						*
JoAnn Ward Woodbury, Maplewood	<b>DFL</b> 53A	37	•			•						*
John Ward Baxter, Brainerd	DFL 10A	37	•			•						*
Anna Wills Apple Valley, Rosemount		100		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*
Ryan Winkler Golden Valley, Plymouth, St. Louis Park	<b>DFL</b> 46A	37	•			•						*
Kelby Woodard Belle Plaine, New Prague		93		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	*
Barb Yarusso Shoreview, Mounds View	DFL 42A	37	•			•						*
Kurt Zellers Maple Grove, Osseo		67				•	•	•	•	•	•	☆
Nick Zerwas Elk River, Big Lake		67				•	•	•	•	•	•	☆

# **Important policies**

During the 88th Legislature, MinnCAN supported the legislative initiatives listed below, organized by our policy pillars. Some of these measures became law, and some never even reached committee or a floor vote. For the policies that reached a vote, we scored legislators on how they voted. But legislators do more than just vote—they lead. That's why if a legislator authored, co-authored or introduced one or more of the below measures—regardless of how it played out—he or she received 15 extra credit points for leadership. And legislators who led on multiple policies had a better shot at making the MinnCAN Top 3 education champions.

### **Senate Legislation**

### **Start Early**

SF162	Voluntary full-day kindergarten funding authorization; prekindergarten programs funding option
SF481	Early learning scholarship program establishment; access to quality early learning and care expansion
SF1613	Early learning scholarship program establishment
SF1640	Early learning scholarship program establishment
SF1966	Early learning scholarships appropriation availability expansion
SF2692	Early learning scholarships appropriation availability expansion and appropriations

### **Expand high-quality school options for all families**

Charter school enrollment preference to children eligible for free and
reduced-price lunch authorization
Charter school contracts accountability measures expansion
Charter school annual portfolio report authorization
Charter school authorizers annual review requirement

### Elevate great teaching & leadership

SF789	Student placement with ineffective teacher multiple times prohibition
SF808	Collaborative urban educator recruitment and training programs appropriation including
	a grant to widen the teachers of color pipeline
SF975	Teach For America appropriation
SF1873	Teacher unrequested leave of absence provisions modifications
SF2129	Unrequested leave of absence for teachers in special circumstances modification
SF2382	Teachers unrequested leave of absence provisions modification
SF2540	Practice or student teachers placement limitation

### Meet individual student needs

SF740	Career and technical education advisory task force establishment
SF783	Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act
SF1211	Flexible year-round school calendar implementation authorization
SF1222	Career and technical education revenue formula modification
SF2479	Career pathways and technical education system policy review and clarifications
	requirement and providing P-20 partnership education system support
SF2549	Postsecondary enrollment options (PSEO) information dissemination modification
SF2790	Curriculum credit equivalencies provision modification; advanced placement computer
	science course allowed to fulfill a mathematics or science credit requirement authorization

### **Set high expectations for everyone**

SF2200 Education assessment reporting requirements to parents modification

### **House Legislation**

### **Start Early**

HF821	Voluntary, full-day kindergarten funding authorized, and school district flexibility provided.
HF1058	Early learning scholarship program established, access to quality early learning and care
	expanded, funding provided, and money appropriated.
HF1880	Early learning scholarships availability expanded.
HF3131	Early learning scholarship availability expanded, home health visit program funded,
	child care providers provided assistance to participate in the quality rating system, early
	childhood scholarship pilot program created, and money appropriated.
HF2381	Early learning scholarships clarified

### **Expand high-quality school options for all families**

HF998	Charter schools additional accountability provided.
HF1042	Charter schools allowed to give an enrollment preference to children who are eligible
	for a free or reduced-price lunch.
HF1059	Charter school provided, and annual portfolio report authorized.
HF3389	Charter school authorizers annual review required.

### Elevate great teaching & leadership

HF888	Schools and school districts prohibited from placing a student multiple times with
	an ineffective teacher.
HF973	Collaborative urban educator recruitment and training program grants authorized, funding
	provided, and money appropriated.
HF1594	Teach for America program funding provided, and money appropriated.
HF2380	Teachers' unrequested leaves of absence and teaching assignments policies modified.
HF2489	Teachers unrequested leave of absence provisions modified.
HF2575	Practice or student teacher placement limited.

### Meet individual student needs

HF734	Career and technical education advisory task force established for improving student outcomes in grades 11 to 14.
HF826	Safe and supportive schools provided by prohibiting bullying.
HF910	Flexible year-round school calendar created.
HF1708	Career and technical education revenue formula modified.
HF2367	Advanced placement computer science course allowed to fulfill a mathematics or science credit requirement.
HF2776	Minnesota's career pathways and technical education system key elements further clarified, and P-20 partnership support enlisted.
HF2942	Dual credit provisions established and modified.

### **Set high expectations for everyone**

HF2594 Student assessment reporting requirements modified.

### **About MinnCAN**

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