



THE 2023-2024 PLATFORM REPORT TO THE HOUSE EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE

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The resolutions listed below are from part of our DFL platform, known as the Action Agenda and have been identified as potentially being relevant to the work of your committee. The support for each resolution is given; the number of Congressional Districts and Organizing Units, and the percentage of approval by the delegates to the State Convention.

Preschool For All

Support affordable and quality preschool for all. [8 CDs, 41 OUs, 91%]

Statewide, High Quality Public Schools

Support all public school students having access to local, quality public education through an equitable funding formula to maintain uniform, high quality public schools throughout the state. [8 CDs, 35 OUs, 91%]

Civics Education

Support K-12 education that provides a quality civics education including the history of Minnesotans of all races. [8 CDs, 35 OUs, 86%]

Affordable Public Education

Support the basic premise that a fundamental requisite for a thriving democracy, economy and healthy, fulfilling society is a public education system from infant daycare through K-12, vocational, college, and higher education that is robust and affordable. [8 CDs, 18 OUs, 89%]

End Privatization of Public Institutions

Support ending the practice of privatization of public institutions and services, including prisons, hospitals, and educational institutions, and also including other services formerly conducted by public governmental agencies and civil servants. [6 CDs, 10 OUs, 81%]

Fully Fund School Meals

Support full funding for all nutrition programs at public schools including, but not limited to healthy food at breakfast, lunch, and snack time. [5 CDs, 9 OUs, 94%]

Special Education

Support encouraging the Minnesota Legislature to more fully fund special education in our state for the purposes of equalizing services for learners and stabilizing the financial positions of districts around the state. [5 CDs, 7 OUs, 87%]

Student Loan Debt

Support the Federal Government and Minnesota working to reduce the crushing student loan debt of our population. [4 CDs, 7 OUs, 80%]

Mental Health

Support the availability and funding of mental health and substance abuse treatment so all individuals who are in need of help, including children, have sufficient access to these services. [7 CDs, 9 OUs, 91%]

Schools Share MN Gun Storage Law

Support public school districts and charter schools (through collaboration with the MN Dept of Education and Dept of Justice) in providing families/guardians information related to child firearm access prevention and the existing Minnesota statute for safe storage of firearms. [7 CD's, 7 OU's, 75%]

Progressive Education Tax

Support a progressive education-funding tax levied on the wealthiest 1%, those with wealth starting at \$100 million, and the largest corporations. [7 CDs, 12 OUs, 76%]

From the DFL Ongoing Agenda:**We Support**

- A strong system of public education at all levels, with stable funding and equal educational opportunities.
- Academic freedom, student and faculty rights, and church-state separation in public school curriculum and educational funding.
- Moderate class sizes and a safe, suitable environment for both students and teachers.
- A broad curriculum of liberal arts, technology, social issues, vocational, and physical education.
- High standards for teachers and compensation that reflects the responsibilities society places on them.
- Effective services in the areas of health, counseling, careers, and nutrition.
- Publicly accessible, high quality libraries and information systems.
- High quality, well-funded post-secondary education, affordable for everyone.
- Continuing education and adult literacy programs.

We present this report as a summary of the passion of our grass roots, a vision of our caring society. We appreciate your support for the DFL's legislative priorities as you move forward this session. Thank you for supporting the people of Minnesota.