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DEMOCRATIC–FARMER–LABOR PARTY

THE 2023-2024 PLATFORM REPORT TO THE SENATE
HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

To: Chair: Sen. Omar Fateh   SD62
     Vice Chair: Sen. Aric Putnam   SD14
                  Sen. Robert J. Kupec   SD04
                  Sen. Clare Oumou Verbeten SD66
                  Sen. Erin P. Murphy   SD64

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 backing the resolution, and the percentage of approval by the delegates to the State Convention.

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%]

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%]

And from the Ongoing Platform:
Education
We believe a vigorous and universally available system of public education is a basis to a productive, democratic society.

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.
- High standards for teachers and compensation that reflects the responsibilities society places on them.
- 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.