



February 8, 2022

Letter of Support

Dear Chair Davnie and House Education Finance Committee Members,

On behalf of the members of the Minnesota Association of Charter School Authorizers, I write to support HF1939 and HF2944. Minnesota routinely ranks among the best places to live and the quality of life here is underpinned by the robust education system. Unfortunately, there are many that are not able to experience the full benefits of what Minnesota can offer because of exclusionary funding for English learning students.

Minnesotans have given much thought on our values and how we want to live them. As Minnesota grows increasingly multi-faceted, it is important we ensure the quality of education for all of our students. The funding outlined in HF1939 and the addition of an EL parent and community advisory council will strengthen our schools as the heart of our communities.

Thank you for your time in considering oft-overlooked students in our communities and for your stewardship of our great state's future.

Sincerely,

Peter Yamashiro, Executive Director