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# K-12 Education Tax Credit

## A Tool for COVID Learning Loss

### Please support HF 1373 to update the K-12 Education Tax Credit

#### Key facts about the Tax Credit as a tool for addressing pandemic learning loss

1. At a time when learning loss related to distance learning has impacted so many students across our state, the K-12 Education Tax Credit is a critical tool to level access to academic enrichment opportunities and distance learning technology.
2. The income limit—\$33,500 regardless of household size—for the maximum Tax Credit has not been updated since 1997.
3. Over 50,000 Minnesota families annually would benefit from the expanded access to this equity tool according to Department of Revenue estimates.

### How Youthprise is using the Tax Credit to help low-income students

❖ **Applications in 2020 increased over 2600%** from the previous year for assistance from Youthprise’s Minnesota Afterschool Advance (MAA) program using the Tax Credit to pay for computers or afterschool and summer enrichment activities. We served students from **213 cities across the state** last year alone.

❖ In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, MAA helped **950 families** use the Tax Credit to obtain computers to participate in distance learning.

❖ To respond to learning loss, we are working with multiple tutoring providers across the state to provide **thousands of hours** of online and in-person (when safe) tutoring paid for by the Tax Credit.

### Why updating the income limit is needed by students more than ever

❖ Students may experience only **50% of typical learning gains** because of distance learning according to a report by the Collaborative for Student Growth, making access to academic enrichment imperative.

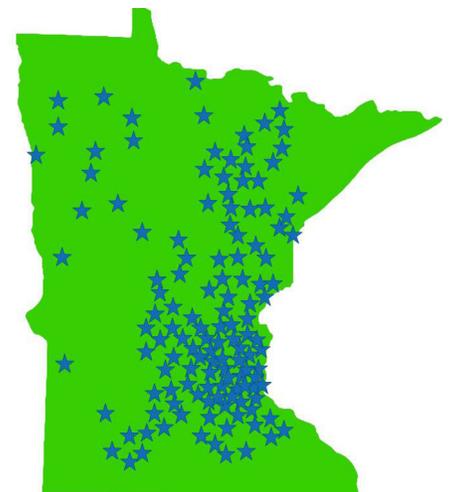
❖ Only **60% of low-income students** are regularly logging on to virtual instruction by some reports.

❖ Students of color are overrepresented among low-income students meaning tools like this can help address educational opportunity gaps.

#### Updated income limits in HF 1373 by household size

Household Size	Current	Proposed
2	\$33,500	\$33,500
3	\$33,500	\$40,182
4	\$33,500	\$48,470
5	\$33,500	\$56,758
6	\$33,500	\$65,046

#### Cities in 2020 with families we helped use the Tax Credit



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