



MN House of Representatives Education Policy Committee

SUBJECT: HF 4233

Dear Chair Richardson and Members of the Education Policy Committee,

We are writing to express our support for HF 4233 which provides additional preparation and paperwork time for teachers serving students with disabilities. As an organization founded by parents of students with disabilities from multicultural communities, we acknowledge that the preparation, paperwork, and procedures required for serving students with disabilities takes a considerable amount of time in every teacher's day.

Our current system requires an individualized approach to meeting each student's needs, and this individual attention requires that each teacher have sufficient time to ensure that the students goals and objectives are met. We frequently hear concerns from teachers and staff about the amount of time that is required for paperwork, and how much of that time is often unacknowledged and uncompensated.

We believe that strong relationships between parents and teachers are necessary to ensure the best outcomes for our students. As parents we wish to support our teachers and ensure that they are compensated for the time necessary to ensure an individualized approach to meeting each student's needs.

With thanks,

Multicultural Autism Action Network

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