

COALITION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

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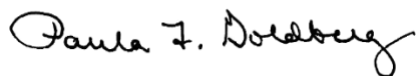
Chair Richardson and Members of the Education Policy Committee:

On behalf of the PACER Center and the Coalition for Children with Disabilities, I am writing to share the Coalition's strong support for House File 965. We appreciate Representative Edelson's proposal to create a mechanism for "recovery education" to meet the needs of students with disabilities who were unable to benefit from distance learning.

We know that students and schools have both struggled with delivering education during the pandemic. Students with disabilities have had an especially difficult time with distance learning. This bill provides a collaborative approach to address a student's learning needs through a proactive and collaborative process. Additionally, the legislation creates a funding mechanism to ensure the services are paid for. This bill is an important step forward to address the learning loss that many children with disabilities have experienced during the pandemic.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support for House File 965. Please contact Sarah Clarke at sclarke@hyldenlaw.com or 952-201-4654 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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