

Dear Chairman Richardson and Committee Members,

My name is Marissa Lang and I live in St. Paul, MN. I am writing to you today in support of SF 1210.

My 10th grader currently has a 504 plan with accommodations for a variety of mental health conditions. I requested an academic assessment in order to receive an IEP in September 2020 because he needs additional accommodations for virtual learning, as well as support moving forward in high school in order to be able to graduate.

I finally received an email and call back from the SE coordinator on March 3rd 2021- six months after my initial request to St. Paul Public Schools due to the backlog of families trying to receive support.

Due to his anxiety and panic disorder he is afraid to turn on his camera for class, if he participates at all in virtual learning. I currently spend up to 10 hours a week with him on school work, in addition to my regular job and family life.

Please support HF 965 to help students with disabilities make up for what was lost during the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Marissa Lang