



February 9, 2021

Honorable Ruth Richardson
403 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Richardson:

Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) represents all 333 locally elected school boards across Minnesota. We appreciate your willingness to listen to our thoughts and have an open dialogue.

MSBA would like to weigh-in on HF 358 , the Sexual Health Education Model Program. As a statewide organization, our members' districts have different needs and perspectives. We respectfully submit our concerns with the following sections of HF 358. An overall concern is the bill does not address MN Statute 120B.021 "(6) health, for which locally developed academic standards apply;"

We have included potential alternatives to better meet the needs of all school districts.

- **Subd 1. Section (d).** Without fully knowing the genesis of the language, it seems items 1 and 2 are out of context health curriculum and may be more appropriate in a staff handbook or teacher contract.
- **Subd 2. Section (b).** The approval of the commissioner would be an additional mandate and unnecessary report burdened on our administration. Instead MSBA suggests changing the approval to align with the local review of the curriculum.

We are available to discuss any of the items further. Please feel free to reach out to any one of us.

Respectfully,
Minnesota School Boards Association