



PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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February 28, 2025

Dear Honorable Members of the Appropriations Committee,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recently posted amendment to Representative Berg's MSOC bill, HB 1338. The original bill proposed a \$306 million annual investment to support our students' fundamental educational needs, including curriculum, technology, utilities, insurance, and other basic education costs that enable our school district to operate effectively and serve students. However, the newly introduced amendment drastically reduces this investment to just \$5.5 million per year- a reduction of over \$300 million. This is about 5% of the originally proposed amount of funding.

To that end, in Peninsula School District and based on our budget for 2024-25, we project a shortfall of \$10.62 million in MSOC funding. At \$5.55 per student, assuming our 9,000 students, that amounts to \$49,500 of additional funding, leaving over \$10.5 million still unfunded.

This is unacceptable to sustaining the expected operations of our school district and ultimately compromises the state's paramount duty of funding public education. The ultimate losers of this amendment are our students and our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Krestin Bahr
Superintendent
Peninsula School District