

Education Minnesota

Public meeting on education Saturday, April 13, with Sen. Bobby Joe Champion and Rep. Ray Dehn

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MINNEAPOLIS, April 12, 2019 – Smaller class sizes. More support staff. Greater access to mental health resources.

Educators and parents know what works in our schools and understand what our students need. But the state has failed to make those needed investments. Minnesota's share of school funding hasn't kept pace with inflation—it's now 18 percent less than 2003 in real dollars.

Local educators are hosting a public meeting so area legislators can hear from them about what it will take to fully fund public education and give students the schools they deserve.

What: Public meeting on education

Who: Confirmed guests include Sen. Bobby Joe Champion and Rep. Ray Dehn. Rep. Fue Lee will join via pre-recorded video

When: 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday, April 13

Where: Bethune Community School, Media Center, 919 Emerson Ave N., Minneapolis, MN 55411

Among other issues, educators and legislators are expected to discuss the three budget proposals under debate at the Legislature.

For example, the plan put forward by the majority party in the Senate would send \$2.8 million in new education revenue to the Minneapolis public schools, Gov. Tim Walz's budget would invest more than four times as much, \$11.3 million, while the House majority budget is even larger at \$12.4 million.

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