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THIS WEEK @ THE LEGISLATURE

The House passed the House Education Omnibus Bill (HF4300). The Senate passed its Education Omnibus Bill which only deals with literacy. There is a gap of over $1.1 billion between the Senate Education Omnibus Bill of $30.7 million and the House Education Omnibus Bill of over $1.115 billion.

On Thursday, Representatives Davnie, Sandstede, Richardson, Hassan, and Erickson were named the House members of the Conference Committee. The Senate appointed Senators Chamberlain, Coleman, Duckworth, Eichorn, and Wiger to the Conference Committee.

The purpose of a Conference Committee is to try to find a compromise between both bills. The first meeting of the Education Conference Committee is going to be held on Monday morning. The agenda for that meeting is the staff doing a walk-thru of the side-by-side document for HF4300. The Conference Committee Calendar for next week shows the Committee meeting every day at 9:00 a.m.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 4th – The Committee heard:

SF2307: Would modify the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act to impose new student data privacy protections on technology providers / contractors who provide devices or programs that students use for school. It would prohibit government / provider electronic access or
monitoring of school-issued devices (with some exemptions), require providers to disclose educational data breaches, and require destruction of educational data after contracts expire. It would also prohibit providers from selling or using educational data for commercial purposes, require schools to notify parents on all provider contracts that are linked with student educational data, and exempt postsecondary institutions from these new requirements.

**Passed and was sent to Senate Floor.**

**MORE LEGISLATORS ANNOUNCE RETIREMENTS:**

- **Senator David Senjem** (R – District 25) – 1 chartered public school in district
- **Senator Carrie Rudd** (R – District 10) – 2 chartered public schools in district
- **Senator Michelle Benson** (R – District 31) - 2 chartered public schools in district

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislature must adjourn according to the State Constitution no later than the first Monday following the third Saturday in May of any year. This year that means **no later than Monday, May 23**

"Unleashing education from convention" - is more than the MACS motto, it is a reminder of our purpose, our goals and it serves as a clarion **Call To Action.**