MN ASSOCIATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

ISSUE PRIMER

ISSUE: Unequal Extended Time Revenue for Charter Schools

Minnesota schools receive extended time revenue funding if they have an approved extended time program. Eligible uses of this funding include extended time programming such as extended day programs, extended week programs, summer school, and vacation break programming.

Traditional districts can receive funding of up to .2 of additional per pupil general revenue or \$1,023 per pupil in FY22. Current law provides charter schools with only 25% of the state average of extended time revenue generated by traditional districts. The way MDE calculates this average provides charter schools with significantly less funding per pupil. In FY22 charter schools only received \$13.81 per pupil in extended time revenue, while a district could get up to \$1,023 per pupil.

STATUTORY REFERENCE: MN Statutes 126C.10 and 124E.20

Minnesota's students should have access to the programming available through extended time revenue to meet their educational goals, make up learning loss, and have access to life changing educational opportunities no matter which public school they attend.

All students deserve to have equitable access to extended time revenue.

POLICY SOLUTION: Equalize Extended Time Revenue

• Provide charter schools with equal access to full extended time revenue.

Estimated Cost: \$6.2 million (2020 MDE Finance Workgroup)

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