



Student Attendance and Truancy Legislative Study Group

Monday, September 9, 2024
2:30 PM
Ladyslipper Room, Centennial Office
Building and Zoom
<https://www.lcc.mn.gov/satlsq/>

Members Present:

Representative Heather Keeler, Chair
Representative Ben Bakeberg
Representative Bryan Lawrence
Representative Bianca Virnig

Senator Steve Cwodzinski
Senator Robert Farnsworth

Members Excused:

Senator Mary Kunesh, Vice Chair

Meeting Minutes

Rep. Keeler called the meeting of the Student Attendance and Truancy Legislative Study Group to order at 2:36 PM. A quorum was present.

Approval of August 26, 2024, Minutes

Rep. Bakeberg moved to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2024, meeting of the Student Attendance and Truancy Legislative Study Group. A vote was taken. The motion prevailed and the minutes were approved.

Testimony from Students

The Study Group heard from several students about student attendance and truancy:

- *Priscilla, Student at BlueSky Online*
- *Isiah, Student at Camden High School, Minneapolis*
- *Madeline, Student at Southwest High School, Minneapolis*
- *Karl, Student at Fergus Falls Area Learning Center*
- *Bianca, Student at Fergus Falls Area Learning Center*
- *Nyssa, Student at Duluth East High School*

Ed Allies Presentation

Matt Shaver, Policy Director at Ed Allies presented to the Study Group on student attendance data.

Member Discussion

The Study Group discussed their takeaways from previous testimony and future plans.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:37 PM.