

**DISTRICT - Saint Paul Public Schools
PROPOSAL #12_EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS
October 28, 2021**

District proposes to delete this statement of intent. The timeframe has passed and additional state funding was provided at the state legislature.

**STATEMENT OF INTENT
Collaboratively Seeking Full Funding For Racially Equitable Schools**

Whereas: State funding for public education in Saint Paul has, compared to inflation, declined by over \$1600 per pupil since 2003 while the needs of our students have increased; and

Whereas: Businesses choose Minnesota, and Saint Paul specifically, because our community offers a high quality of life, and a highly-educated workforce that exists because of our long history of strong support for public education; and

Whereas: There exists mutually desirable programs and services that both sides agree can advance the educational experience for students at SPPS that cannot be fully funded with dollars in the current district budget; and

Whereas: Our shared goals include working toward eliminating the school-to-prison and school--to-deportation pipelines, as well as the racial predictability of educational outcomes. Public education is at the heart of our democracy and there has never been a more critical time to invest in preparing our children for their roles as citizens in our society and for the lives and challenges in their futures that we do not yet know; therefore

Be it Resolved that: The Saint Paul Board of Education and the Saint Paul Federation of Educators will collaborate to secure additional support for Saint Paul Public Schools by;

- 1. Leadership of SPPS and SPFE will form a working committee by May 1, 2020 to lead discussions with potential partners and start the process of drafting an agreement to seek and secure a minimum of one agreement for payment in lieu of taxes to the St. Paul Public Schools with major local healthcare and/or higher education not-for-profit corporations.**
- 2. SPFE and SPPS leadership will jointly coordinate efforts to conduct outreach and share information with members of the Minnesota Legislature and their respective staff. The purpose of this collaboration is to seek support for increasing the amount of state aid received by Saint Paul Public Schools and includes annual inflationary adjustments. SPPS district leadership and SPFE leadership agree to schedule one day during each legislative session to encourage participation in lobbying efforts at the State Capital coordinated in a manner not to interrupt with regularly scheduled school days.**
- 3. In the 2020-21 calendar year, SPPS and SPFE will initiate a community impact study on charter schools in our community. The results of the report will inform both parties in the creation of possible recommendations to the Board of Education. Parties will jointly call for a moratorium on new charter schools in Saint Paul until the study is complete and has been reviewed.**

That Statement of Intent will say the following:

SPPS and SPFE jointly support a moratorium on new charter schools in Saint Paul until a study is completed and has been reviewed for impacts on our students and community. The parties acknowledge that the SPPS Board of Education does not have the authority to directly limit charter schools.

4. SPPS and SPFE agree that increasing district enrollment increases the amount of state aid received by the district. Both parties agree to partner on efforts to increase student enrollment and collaborate to develop a plan to recruit families into SPPS with the Enrollment Advisory Task Force, which includes SPFE membership, district leadership, parents and community members. SPPS and SPFE will jointly review data from families who have left the district.