

Bipartisan Press Conference about the Increase Teachers of Color Act

February 25, 2021, 12:05-12:55pm

AGENDA

- **Comments from lead authors of the bills:**
 - Rep. Hodan Hassan, D-Minneapolis ([HF217](#)--E12 Bill)
 - Rep. Heather Keeler, D-Moorhead ([HF1041](#)--Higher Ed Bill)
 - Sen. Jim Abeler, R-Anoka ([SF446](#)--E12 bill, [SF797](#)—Higher Ed Bill)
- **Questions?**
- **Joint statement from MN Indian Affairs Council and State Ethnic Councils**
 - Shannon Geshick, Executive Director, MN Indian Affairs Council
 - Rosa Tock, Executive Director, MN Council on Latino Affairs
 - Andrew Morris, Public Affairs and Legislative Liaison, Council of Asian Pacific Minnesotans
 - Linda Sloan, Executive Director, Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage
- **Yahanna Mackbee**, Student, Washburn H.S., Minneapolis
- **Jessica Davis**--2019 MN Teacher of the Year
- **Joint Statement from the Coalition to Increase Teachers of Color and American Indian Teachers in Minnesota**
 - Regina Seabrook, Chair, Coalition Core Steering Committee
 - Sandy Saucedo-Falagan, Chair, Coalition Core Steering Committee
- **Questions from the Press (anticipated approx. 12:40pm)**
 - NOTE: Questions about the content of the bills will be addressed by:
Paul Spies, Legislative Action Team Lead
Coalition to Increase Teachers of Color and American Indian Teachers in MN

RESOURCES:

- **Virtual Press Information Packet** is available at: www.tocaimn.com/press
- Link for the recording of the press conference will be sent within an hour after its conclusion to those in attendance and before other news outlets
- For follow-up with any of last four speakers, contact: paul.spies@metrostate.edu