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Governor Haslam,

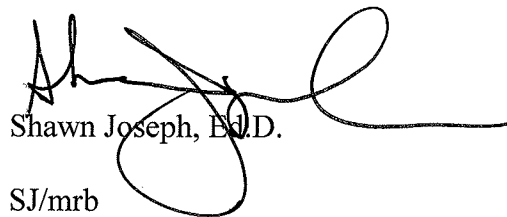
I am writing to encourage you to veto HB2315. As you know, we are constitutionally mandated to ensure that all students have access to education, regardless of immigration status. More than mere compliance with that obligation, we are proud to serve our students and their families. It is important to our students' development and well-being that their parents support their academic pursuits and participate in their education. Moreover, for a student to learn at his or her best, each child must feel safe.

It appears to me that HB2315 would require law enforcement officers, including school resource officers, to seek information on immigration status and participate in the detaining of students and parents. As such, HB2315 undermines our efforts to educate all children, involve their parents, and provide them with a place where they can be confident that they are safe and secure.

At MNPS, we are proud of the diversity of our students and families. It is part of what makes public education and Metro Schools specifically, a beautiful place to learn.

For the sake of our students and their families, we encourage you to veto HB 2315.

Sincerely,


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