

Dear Government Leader,

I am writing you today to ask that you support the work of CSforAll-MN in their efforts to promote computer science education for all in the state of Minnesota. Currently Minnesota ranks last in the country for the number of high schools offering computer science classes. Our economy requires a diverse pipeline of creators and innovators to stay competitive in an increasingly technological world. By providing capacity and access to computer science education for all students in our K-12 schools, you will not only be investing in those students, but also in the economy of the state of Minnesota.

CSforAll-MN recommends the following policy priorities to advance computer science in Minnesota schools:

- Create a foundational blueprint for K-12 computer science (MN bill HF 3243 introduced on 02/11/2022, *and MN bill SF 3578 introduced on 03/04/2022*).
- Define computer science and establish rigorous K-12 computer science academic standards.
- Allocate funding for rigorous computer science professional development and support course development.
- Implement a clear certification pathway for computer science teachers.
- Create programs at higher education institutions to offer computer science to preservice teachers.
- Require that all high schools offer computer science with an appropriate implementation timeline and financial resources.
- Allow computer science to satisfy an admission requirement at institutions of higher education.

We urge you to support these policy recommendations and to accelerate efforts in classrooms and unlock opportunity so that every student, in every school, can have a chance to learn computer science.

Sincerely,

Parent/Student