

In Governor Walz's proposed two-year state budget, he included eliminating two very critical services to nonpublic students and families – [aids to nonpublic pupils](#) and [nonpublic pupil transportation aid](#).

More than 50 years ago, Minnesota made a statutory commitment to provide certain services and supports to ALL students, regardless of where they received their education. We consider these as "common good" services – safe transportation to and from school, textbooks and educational aids for student learning, nursing services and counseling to support students and their mental health. For more than 5 decades, regardless of legislative makeup and/or good or bad budget situations, these services have endured. Elimination of these services would impact the students and families that rely on these services the most – working families (multiple jobs), students needing mental health help, and families in rural areas with limited transportation options.

What can you do? Raise your voice! It's simple!

1. [Contact your local legislator](#) (house and senate) and tell them to oppose the elimination of these services that support students and families in your community.
2. Our advocacy partner, the [Minnesota Catholic Conference](#), has allowed us to link directly to their [Action Alerts](#) to make it simple for you to raise your voice to protect these services.
3. Want to learn more about these services and MINNDEPENDENT legislative agenda? Check out our [Advocacy page](#).

Thank you for your support and advocacy for Central and Minnesota's private and independent schools and students.