

fax for Pete

from Ted

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Pete —

The biggest question I think is what Ember/Becky are supposed to make of what Deans says. Or, what we are telling them they should make of it? Is he right about these things; so that they have to make the changes? Is he really just trying to get the bill loaded up with five-pound bags of sand? Are there really things that would help the bill? What?

Maybe you can add something general up front. Maybe say you're just reporting what he said, first of all . . . and that we ought to talk through with Betsy what's really needed in the way of changes, from the authors' point of view, and report back. Something like that.

Or add your own assessment at the end: Which are in our interest; which not.

My own sense:

- * We need to keep the option for a sponsor to charter a school outside its own borders. That is very important.
- * Shef Lang is going to let me know what insurance a private school buys. Jim Long, too, for PYC.
- * I don't see how the sponsor can be exempt from liability for educational malpractice. No suit has ever been successful. But I don't see how they can be exempt: Under the bill they do have a responsibility in this area. **EE**
- * Set the "consolidation" spectre in perspective. Not many C/S would result in a school losing a whole grade; and any district should know it couldn't do this without running that risk. Might be good to add the exemption. But I don't really see why he's upset: If the bill didn't provide an exemption his client would have a perfectly clear reason to refuse a charter, wouldn't it?
- * The suggestion re: Subd. 9 is a good one. So is the one in your #17.
- * Re: #20, I'd sure think the school picks up the authority given by MN law to a 317 or 308 corporation; but the bill could make that clear if necessary.

On some, your own comments give guidance about whether Deans' suggestions are worth following or not.

Some I think are traps.

Because there's such a mixture, maybe we ought to sit down with Betsy Rice and go through the list . . . and tell Ember we'll advise her soonest.

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