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Ready to schedule an appointment?

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Or you can contact the Minnesota Department of Education for help connecting with your district:

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