

STATE OF MINNESOTA,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

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PROCLAMATION.

As we are nearing the opening of another school year especial attention should be called to the necessity of continuing during the war to the greatest possible extent the educational advantages without which the maintenance of an efficient democracy is impossible.

Although the winning of the war is of the most importance now, this conflict has taught us the need of more adequately fitting our children for the duties and responsibilities of American citizenship and of enabling them to meet in the best way possible the problems and the conditions of the new era which the pending war is bound to create.

The need of providing ample funds to carry on this exceedingly important function of government is apparent to all. Notwithstanding the fact that economy has been advocated in all lines during the existing emergency, Minnesota has had available for state aid to schools for the current biennium one and a half million dollars more than during any previous two year period. While all public officials entrusted with school funds should particularly at this time oppose any waste thereof and use them justly and wisely, such sums, if rightly used, ought to be expended more generously during the war than heretofore because of the increased demands that will be made on the citizens of tomorrow on account of the changes that will take place as a result of our present struggle.

Since the entrance of our country into the international contest, teachers and others connected with our institutions of learning have patriotically assumed an enormous amount of added responsibility. This manifestation of their

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unwavering loyalty has greatly assisted in the carrying on of our country's war program and has had a tremendous influence on the morale of the people of our nation. In the continuance and the promotion of this kind of practical patriotism it is hereby urged that parents and children cooperate with the teachers and that every effort be made this year to secure in all of our schools the largest attendance possible, to advocate the enlistment of young men in the Student Army Training Corps which is being established in this and other states and to furnish ample facilities for the efficient training of young women as teachers, nurses and workers in other branches of governmental service.

Now, therefore, I, J. A. A. Burnquist, Governor of the State of Minnesota, realizing the many possibilities of war emergency activities through our school system and the need of fully providing at this juncture an education for qualifying our children not only for the present but for the future, do hereby request all of our citizens and especially those officials who administer the schools of our state to exert every effort to obtain from them during the coming year the utmost service of which they are capable.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed this 23rd day of August, 1918.



*J. A. A. Burnquist*  
Governor of Minnesota.

Attest: *Julius A. Schuch*  
Secretary of State.

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