

Statement in Support of Governor Dayton

We are grateful the Governor continues to put the education of Minnesota's children as one of his top legislative priorities. The strategic approach towards education put forth by the Governor and Commissioner Cassellius is to be commended. We support the governor's \$550 million target for E-12 education. This additional funding is needed in order to provide general education increases of at least 2 percent per year and other important investments in our children's education. Without this funding, school districts all across the state will be forced to cut teachers and programs designed to ensure our students can read well by third grade and are college and career ready upon graduation. The governor's \$550 million target for education recognizes the need to invest in our schools after years of less-than-inflationary funding increases.

- Jane Berenz, Superintendent, Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools