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Budget for a Better Minnesota: K-12 Education

Investing in Our Students Every Step of the Way

Governor Dayton's budget makes major investments in education. The Governor's budget follows through on his promise to increase support for K-12 education every year he is Governor: no excuses, no exceptions. It also makes crucial investments in higher education to give our workforce the knowledge and skills to compete in a 21st Century global economy.

Investing More than \$500 Million in Minnesota Students

» **\$240 Million for Higher Education.** The Governor's budget provides: \$80 million for the State Grant Program, making college more affordable for another 5,000 students; \$80 million for the University of Minnesota and \$80 million for MnSCU.

» **\$125 Million for Special Education.** The Governor's budget makes a significant investment in special education reform, providing needed funding and greater funding equity for schools.

» **\$118 Million in School Funding.** The Governor's budget increases school funding, providing \$52 in new money for every student in the state.

» **\$44 Million for Early Childhood Education Scholarships.** The Governor's budget invests in scholarships that will help 10,000 more low- and middle-income Minnesota children receive high quality child care and attend preschool.

» **\$40 Million for All Day Kindergarten.** The Governor's budget invests in All-Day K, providing access for 85% of Minnesota students – or 46,000 kids.

» **\$10 Million for Teacher Evaluation.** The Governor's budget provides initial school funding to begin a new teacher evaluation system that supports teachers and will result in better student achievement.

» **\$8.9 Million for English Language Learning.** The Governor's budget extends funding for ELL students from 5 to 7 years to help them develop necessary language skills to fully participate in the classroom.

» **\$4.5 Million for Regional Centers of Excellence.** The Governor's budget establishes six new Regional Centers of Excellence to help the state's most struggling schools, with a focus on Greater Minnesota.

» **\$1.8 Million for Paperwork Reduction.** The Governor's budget permanently reduces special education paperwork, giving teachers more time in the classroom and less time filling out forms.

» **\$1 Million for School Bullying Prevention.** The Governor's budget invests in a School Climate Center to provide guidance, training, and support to schools to create safer environments for students to learn.