



STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Office of Governor Mark Dayton

Better Early Learning Opportunities for Minnesota Kids

Budget for a Better Minnesota

A growing body of research shows that access to high-quality preKindergarten has significant benefits for all children. In fact, University of Minnesota researchers [have found](#) that Minnesota cannot close its school readiness gap without providing children from both low- and middle-income families access to high-quality early learning opportunities.

In 2017, Governor Dayton [proposed enough permanent funding](#) that would have ensured that every Minnesota child could attend free, school-based preKindergarten. Unfortunately, the Minnesota Legislature only agreed to provide \$50 million in new one-time funding. Approximately 6,100 four-year-olds are attending free, school-based preKindergarten this year in 109 school districts all across Minnesota because of this investment. But because the Legislature only provided one-time funding for some communities, 59 of those school districts would lose state funding for preKindergarten if the Legislature does not agree to make that funding permanent.

It is unfair that the younger siblings of these children, in 59 school districts around Minnesota, may not be afforded the same opportunity to attend free preKindergarten without a long-term funding solution. This year, Governor Dayton's Budget for a Better Minnesota would make voluntary preKindergarten permanent, ensuring thousands of Minnesota four-year-olds are not denied the opportunity to attend school-based preKindergarten in the future. The Governor's preKindergarten proposal also includes increased funding of 5 percent each year in order to expand access to even more children. Read more below about which school districts would lose state funding for free, voluntary preKindergarten if the Legislature does not support the Governor Dayton's proposal; about 4,000 kids each year would lose out on the great starts they need in school without this state funding.

Minnesota Schools Receiving One-Time PreKindergarten Funding

Without action by the Minnesota Legislature, these 59 school districts and charter schools would lose state funding for school-based preKindergarten programs; about 4,000 kids each year at these schools would lose out on the great starts they need in school without this state funding. Governor Dayton has proposed making the state funding permanent, to help ensure thousands of kids are not denied access to the high-quality early learning opportunities they need to get a great start in school and in life.

| School District or Charter School | PreK Students Served in the 2017-18 School Year* | One-Time Funding These School Districts Received for the 2017-18 School Year* |
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| Anoka-Hennepin Public School District | 32 | \$172,716 |
| Austin Public School District | 54 | \$341,911 |
| Bemidji Public School District | 34 | \$208,647 |

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| Bloomington Public School District | 42 | \$280,229 |
| Blue Earth-Delavan-Elmore Public School District | 80 | \$341,361 |
| Browns Valley Public School District | 9 | \$59,367 |
| Burnsville Public School District | 104 | \$556,418 |
| Butterfield Public School District | 10 | \$77,581 |
| Crookston Public School District | 46 | \$275,647 |
| Duluth Public School District | 20 | \$100,098 |
| East Central Public School District | 37 | \$190,694 |
| Edgerton Public School District | 25 | \$154,534 |
| Excell Academy Charter | 60 | \$474,170 |
| Fairmont Public School District | 68 | \$254,600 |
| Faribault Public School District | 33 | \$244,529 |
| Fridley Public School District | 46 | \$360,259 |
| Goodridge Public School District | 16 | \$122,555 |
| Hill City School | 6 | \$39,212 |
| Hinckley-Finlayson Public School District | 35 | \$191,316 |
| Inver Grove Heights Public School District | 72 | \$330,046 |
| Lac Qui Parle Valley Public School District | 40 | \$300,225 |
| Life Prep School | 10 | \$82,200 |
| Lyle Public School District | 18 | \$107,734 |
| Lynd Public School District | 10 | \$75,265 |
| Madelia Public School District | 31 | \$171,758 |
| Marshall Public School District | 52 | \$311,662 |
| Minneapolis Public School District | 121 | \$990,281 |
| Nashwauk-Keewatin Public School District | 23 | \$129,184 |
| Norman County West Public School District | 13 | \$77,294 |
| North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale Public School District | 144 | \$793,533 |
| Onamia Public School District | 39 | \$388,052 |
| Osseo Public School District | 51 | \$254,195 |
| Prodeo Academy | 60 | \$439,325 |
| Red Lake Public School District | 35 | \$315,155 |
| Red Rock Central Public School District | 5 | \$26,873 |
| Richfield Public School District | 28 | \$194,739 |
| Riverway Learning Community | 4 | \$27,524 |
| Robbinsdale Public School District | 360 | \$1,887,982 |
| Rochester Public School District | 120 | \$653,014 |
| Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public School District | 46 | \$326,624 |
| Roseville Public School District | 20 | \$154,800 |

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| Sejong Academy Of Minnesota | 10 | \$77,465 |
| Sleepy Eye Public School District | 36 | \$189,020 |
| Sojourner Truth Academy | 24 | \$170,539 |
| South Koochiching- Rainy River Public School District | 9 | \$65,549 |
| South St. Paul Public School District | 54 | \$337,764 |
| Spring Lake Park Public School District | 40 | \$267,065 |
| St. Cloud Public School District | 84 | \$518,636 |
| St. Louis County Public School District | 85 | \$609,642 |
| St. Paul Public School District | 227 | \$1,678,717 |
| Swanville Public School District | 25 | \$99,816 |
| Tracy Area Public School District | 10 | \$36,072 |
| Universal Academy Charter School | 50 | \$374,606 |
| Urban Academy Charter School | 20 | \$147,660 |
| Walker-Hackensack-Akeley Public School District | 15 | \$86,738 |
| West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan Public School District | 162 | \$934,454 |
| White Bear Lake Public School District | 30 | \$183,886 |
| Willmar Public School District | 45 | \$267,205 |
| Winona Public School District | 15 | \$84,615 |

Minnesota School Districts and Charter Schools That Will Receive Ongoing PreKindergarten Funding

The following 74 school districts and charter schools were selected for ongoing voluntary, school-based preKindergarten funding in 2016. Unlike the schools listed above, these school districts and charter schools will continue to receive state funding for preKindergarten in future years.

| School District or Charter School | PreK Students Served in the 2017-18 School Year* | Ongoing Funding These School Districts Received for the 2017-18 School Year* |
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| Academia Cesar Chavez | 40 | \$283,932 |
| Achieve Language Academy | 40 | \$239,599 |
| Ada-Borup Public School District | 40 | \$213,499 |
| Albert Lea Public School District | 100 | \$689,324 |
| Anoka-Hennepin Public School District | 96 | \$426,318 |
| Aurora Charter School | 20 | \$109,074 |
| Austin Public School District | 50 | \$247,653 |
| Bagley Public School District | 32 | \$115,840 |
| Benson Public School District | 31 | \$108,919 |
| Blackduck Public School District | 23 | \$141,011 |
| Bloomington Public School District | 118 | \$630,963 |
| Brooklyn Center Public School District | 85 | \$560,692 |

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| Burnsville Public School District | 116 | \$566,181 |
| Butterfield-Odin Public School District | 12 | \$88,949 |
| Campbell-Tintah Public School District | 6 | \$48,891 |
| Cedar Riverside Community School | 20 | \$131,971 |
| Climax Public School District | 14 | \$78,565 |
| Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley Public School District | 19 | \$102,709 |
| Columbia Heights Public Schools | 144 | \$827,186 |
| Community of Peace Academy | 38 | \$264,906 |
| Cook County Public School District | 25 | \$124,855 |
| Deer River Public School District | 46 | \$265,712 |
| Duluth Public School District | 66 | \$226,038 |
| Excell Academy Charter | 30 | \$231,628 |
| Faribault Public School District | 15 | \$108,126 |
| Floodwood Public School District | 15 | \$85,585 |
| Fridley Public School District | 68 | \$410,364 |
| Grand Rapids Public School District | 15 | \$75,892 |
| Greenway Public School District | 35 | \$233,770 |
| Hendricks Public School District | 12 | \$73,574 |
| Heron Lake-Okabe Public School District | 14 | \$74,352 |
| Isle Public School District | 16 | \$63,122 |
| Kelliher Public School District | 15 | \$99,886 |
| Laporte Public School District | 19 | \$89,212 |
| Lyle Public School District | 25 | \$97,743 |
| Lynd Public School District | 10 | \$45,837 |
| Mahnomen Public School District | 20 | \$122,409 |
| Mankato Public School District | 32 | \$112,170 |
| McGregor Public School District | 20 | \$65,986 |
| Mesabi East Public School District | 30 | \$115,739 |
| Minneapolis Public School District | 162 | \$1,302,362 |
| Nevis Public School | 37 | \$162,884 |
| New Discoveries Montessori Academy | 6 | \$46,847 |
| Norman County East Public School District | 14 | \$87,564 |
| North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale Public School District | 76 | \$341,553 |
| Northland Public School District | 15 | \$87,116 |
| Onamia Public School District | 39 | \$241,351 |
| Osseo Public School District | 229 | \$1,099,189 |
| Park Rapids Public School District | 28 | \$119,455 |
| Partnership Academy, Inc. | 10 | \$61,673 |
| Pelican Rapids Public School District | 33 | \$143,591 |

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| Pine River-Backus Public School District | 32 | \$125,748 |
| Prodeo Academy | 10 | \$62,930 |
| Red Lake County Central Public Schools | 30 | \$157,377 |
| Red Rock Central Public School District | 18 | \$78,555 |
| Renville County West Public School District | 31 | \$168,942 |
| Richfield Public School District | 126 | \$721,767 |
| Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Schools | 24 | \$103,242 |
| Round Lake Brewster Public Schools | 30 | \$124,461 |
| South St. Paul Public School District | 102 | \$578,668 |
| South Washington County Public School District | 24 | \$88,313 |
| St. Paul City School | 34 | \$230,555 |
| St. Paul Public School District | 78 | \$519,423 |
| St. Cloud Public School District | 150 | \$739,781 |
| St. James Public School District | 53 | \$277,807 |
| St. Louis County Public School District | 8 | \$60,640 |
| Tri-County Public School District | 9 | \$83,515 |
| Truman Public School District | 20 | \$104,192 |
| United South Central Public School District | 35 | \$203,394 |
| Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Schools | 33 | \$172,304 |
| Waubun-Ogema-White Earth Schools | 40 | \$268,156 |
| Westbrook Walnut Grove Public Schools | 4 | \$33,243 |
| Wheaton Public School District | 18 | \$105,737 |
| Willmar Public School District | 30 | \$154,545 |

** Please note that these amounts are based on appropriations awarded in August 2017.*

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To learn more about other proposals included in Governor Dayton's Budget for a Better Minnesota, [CLICK HERE](#).