




Governor Dayton's 2017 E-12 Budget

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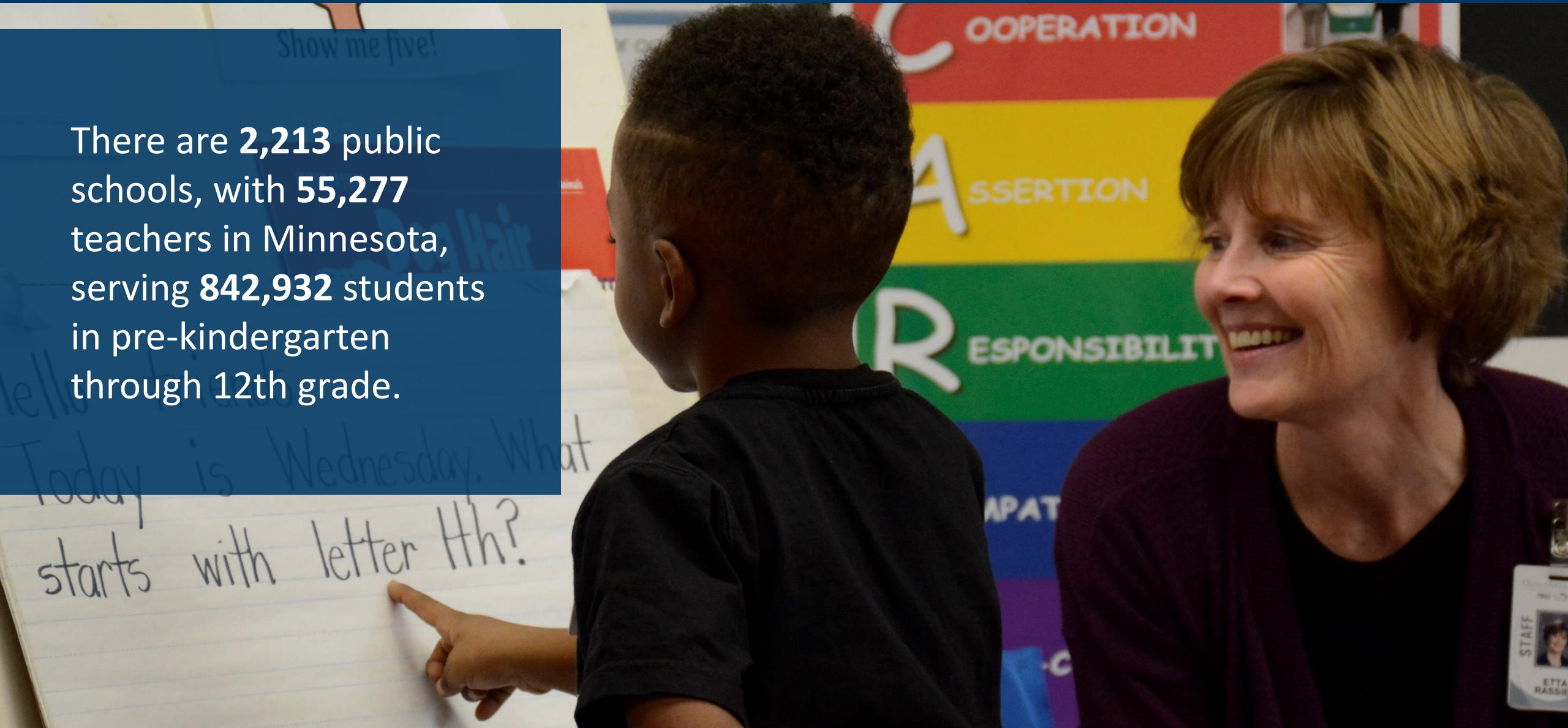
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Education
is the
engine of
opportunity
and success.

Education in Minnesota

There are **2,213** public schools, with **55,277** teachers in Minnesota, serving **842,932** students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.



Continuing investment in our schools

A photograph of three young children of diverse backgrounds smiling and leaning over a wooden railing. The child on the left is a girl with long blonde hair and a yellow bow, wearing a blue shirt. The child in the middle is a boy with short brown hair, wearing a red shirt. The child on the right is a girl with curly brown hair, wearing a pink shirt. They are all looking towards the camera with happy expressions.

Governor Dayton's education bill invests **\$604 million** in students, schools and communities.



Laying a solid
foundation

Funding an excellent education for all

- Increase in **general education funding** of **\$371 million** in FYs 2018/2019.
- **Increase per-pupil formula** by **\$121** in FY 2018 and an additional **\$124** in FY 2019.
- This is **2 percent and 2 percent** on the formula.



Meeting the unique needs of each student

In FY 2016, **133,678 children and youth** from birth to age 21 received special education services.

- The governor's bill includes **\$40 million**—an increase of **1.5 percent**—to special education funding for the biennium.
- Lowers the cross-subsidy by **3 percent**.




Providing pension relief

Teachers Retirement Association and St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association serve over 188,000 active and retired pre-K through grade 12 teachers, administrators, and college and university faculty.

- The governor's bill helps school districts **honor their commitment to retirees** with **\$22.2 million** in 2018 and **\$45 million** in 2019.



A photograph of a school hallway. In the foreground, a large blue semi-transparent rectangle contains white text. The background shows a hallway with two American flags on poles, one on the left and one on the right. In the distance, a group of students is walking up a set of stairs. The walls are light-colored, and the floor is dark.

Setting every
student up for
success

Supporting American Indian students

Current state aid entitlement is projected to **decrease by 45 percent** between FY 2017 and FY 2018.

- Governor Dayton's bill includes **\$4.4 million** over biennium to **maintain** American Indian Tribal contract equalization aid per pupil at the FY 2017 level of **\$3,230**.



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More student support staff

Data shows that students benefit and have better outcomes when they have access to support services.....

- The governor's bill includes **\$4 million** in FY 2018 to pay for up to **30** new student support staff positions.



Supporting community partners and Transformation Zones

Zones and partnerships provide a range of **family-based and student-centered services** to address intergenerational poverty and student achievement.

- The governor's bill provides **\$1 million** to support **seven partnerships** serving **24,000 kids and families**.
- The governor's bill includes **\$2 million** to expand **full-service community schools**.



A group of children are playing basketball on an outdoor court. The scene is set in a park-like area with trees and houses in the background. A semi-transparent blue rectangle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text. The children are wearing various casual clothing like t-shirts, shorts, and sneakers. Some are in motion, while others are standing and watching. The overall atmosphere is active and youthful.

Serving our
students, educators
and schools

Reducing the paperwork burden

Schools and special education teachers continually ask for a reduction of the paperwork burden that is taking them away from students.

- The governor's bill provides **\$1.5 million** over the biennium to fund the creation of an online Individualized Education Plan (IEP) system.
- This reduces paperwork by up to **25 percent** allowing teachers to spend more time in the classroom.



Securing school funding and student data

The department processes \$8.7 billion in state and federal school aid per year and stores data on every student on a mainframe built in 1974.

- The governor's bill includes **\$3.2 million** to **update** the mainframe to a secure system.



Providing support and assistance to educators and schools

Districts across the state request support and assistance at a level the department has been unable to accommodate.

Fixed costs continue to rise, including attorney general's cost, rent, contracts, technology and more.

- The governor's budget includes **\$10.4 million** to strengthen the agency's ability to help school districts meet their World's Best Workforce goals.



A photograph of three young children in a classroom. On the left, a boy with dark skin and short dark hair, wearing an orange polo shirt, is smiling and looking at a large, colorful book. In the center, a girl with light skin and long blonde hair, wearing a pink shirt, is smiling and looking at the camera. On the right, a boy with light skin wearing a red and white striped shirt is partially visible, also looking at a book. The background is a blurred classroom with shelves and other children.

Investing in our
state's youngest
learners

Funding voluntary pre-kindergarten

State-funded voluntary pre-K is currently serving **3,300 children in 74 districts** at no cost to families. 183 districts applied for funding, and **60 percent were turned down.**

- The governor's bill adds **\$74.8 million** to the biennial contribution.
- Expands to serve **8,300** children in FY 2018, and **9,300** in FY 2019.



Expanding access to early learning scholarships

Scholarships increase access to quality early childhood programs for children with high needs, in order to improve school readiness.

- The governor's bill **expands the early learning scholarship program** to serve children **ages 0-5** in order to provide important supports earlier than ages 3-4.



Connecting families to services

Help Me Grow reaches some of the highest risk children in Minnesota prenatal to age 8, including English learners, students with developmental delays and disabilities, children living in poverty, who are homeless and highly mobile.

- The governor's bill provides **\$1.5 million** per year to reach **630,000 children and families**.



Minnesota's future workforce
is sitting in a Minnesota
classroom today.

– Governor Mark Dayton, January 2011

Thank you!

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