



Critical Moments

The February forecast was released February 28th. Based on the revised revenue forecast, Governor Pawlenty released supplemental budget recommendations on March 10.

These recommendations are a step in the right direction, however:

- Governor Pawlenty hasn't budged from his "No New Taxes" pledge at the state level, but he increases reliance on local property taxes and takes credit for the increases by including the local tax revenues in his state budget proposal.
- The Governor uses a mix of property tax increases, shifts, cuts to health care and yet-to-be realized gambling revenue to cover his K-12 budget proposal. With so much up in the air, the source of revenues is far from secure.
- The Governor needs to finish the work of the Education Finance Reform Task Force to truly know what it costs to provide an adequate education in Minnesota.

Now is the time the House and Senate leadership make a singularly important decision—they set the "targets" for each spending division. Once the division targets have been assigned, the committees have until April 22 to figure out how to work within them. The K-12 Omnibus Education bill, however, is a different beast. The Legislature has up and to the last day of the session to finalize K-12 Education Spending.

NOW is the time for you to let House and Senate leadership know where you stand!

Write to the Governor and House and Senate Leaders today!

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