

Join parents from across Minnesota for the 7th annual
PARENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Monday, March 16, 2009

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

TIES, Grand Hall, Snelling & Larpenteur, St. Paul

*For the first time, in one parent-accessible venue,
three reports with huge implications for education in Minnesota.*

- **The Lost Decade:** The way Minnesota has responded to fiscal challenges in this decade raises questions about our commitment to public investment. What is the status of Minnesota's investments in some of the areas important to the well-being of its residents and ensuring that all have the opportunity to succeed? *Katherine Blauvelt, Minnesota Budget Project*
- **Kitchen Table Budget Principles:** Conversations from rural, suburban and urban communities outline the values and principles Minnesotans use to balance their own budgets in tough times. Their wisdom is tailored for lawmakers as they face this year's budget decisions for the state. *Jermaine Toney, Organizing Apprenticeship Project*
- **Smart Investments in Minnesota's Students:** Economists, business leaders and educators agree that Minnesota's relative prosperity over the past quarter century has been driven largely by our investment in human capital. Strengthening Minnesota's economy will require new investment in Minnesota's students. How do we do it wisely and cost-effectively? *Angie Eilers, Growth & Justice*

Registration & Continental Breakfast – 8:30 am

Morning Program begins at 9 am

Lunch (provided), with **Mary Cecconi**, Executive Director, Parents United for Public Schools
Who's minding the store? Who is making critical school policy and funding decisions, and just how are those decisions made?

In the afternoon: Meet with Legislators – 1-3:30 pm

Make appointments with the legislators that represent your school district to share your stories and your concerns for your schools. Bus transportation from the Grand Hall to the Capitol and back is provided. Our elected leaders need and want to hear from you!

**Take advantage of this special opportunity to learn along side
new friends and neighbors from around the state.**

Register online at www.parentsunited.org; limited scholarships available.

Cost for this day of networking and learning is just **\$20**. Register and pay online with a credit card, or print out the form and mail with a check to: Parents United, 1667 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul, MN 55108. For more information, contact Eunice Slager at 651-999-7391, or eunice@parentsunited.org.