



# Due North

## Minnesota's Education Plan

Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan's *Due North Education Plan* serves as a guide toward a future where every child receives a high-quality education, no matter their race or zip code.

### Priorities



#### Meet the Needs of Students During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Continue to support schools as they navigate the pandemic while prioritizing in-person learning for as many students as safely possible.
- Expand academic opportunities and mental health services to support every student in summer 2021 and through the following school year.
- Provide a one-time investment to ensure pandemic enrollment loss does not negatively impact students.



#### Every Student Receives a World-Class Education

- Ensure academic standards address the modern needs of the workforce, are inclusive of ethnic studies, and are reflective of students of color and Indigenous students.
- Expand early learning opportunities and ensure the social-emotional and academic needs of early learners are met.
- Expand access to out-of-school opportunities.
- Reimagine the high school experience to increase career and college readiness.



#### Every Student Learns in a Safe and Nurturing Environment

- Focus on student relationship-building and center discipline on growth, not punishment.
- Build the necessary supports for students around mental health and social and emotional learning.
- Strengthen community and school partnerships to meet the needs of the whole child.
- Launch a statewide family engagement model to support schools.



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#### Every Student Learns in a Classroom with Caring and Qualified Teachers

- Build the best teaching workforce in the nation by ensuring the profession is valued and prepared.
- Expand educator career pathway programs.
- Launch statewide mentor program to support the retention of teachers.
- Launch and expand programs to specifically recruit, retain and support teachers of color and Indigenous teachers.



#### Expand Access to Opportunities for Students of Color and Indigenous Students

- Establish an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Center at the Minnesota Department of Education to address systemic racism.
- Provide educational experiences that value student culture and identity.
- Ensure students receive an accurate history of Minnesota's Indigenous people.
- Develop and provide training for all school staff on anti-bias practices.



#### Expand Access to Opportunities for Students in Greater Minnesota

- Expand rigorous coursework options, including Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and concurrent enrollment.
- Increase the full-service community school model statewide.
- Prioritize geographic equity in our school finance system.
- Expand career and technical education pathways.



#### Fund a 21st Century Education

- Prioritize school funding to the students that need it the most.
- Freeze the cross-subsidy for special education and buy down English Learner services cross-subsidy to ensure students receive necessary services.
- Guarantee that compensatory aid funding is supporting students historically left behind.
- Link funding categories to the general education formula to ensure necessary resources are provided over time.