

KIDS FIRST:

Making education a priority during challenging times

Funding and reform highlight 2011 K-12 education accomplishments

\$282
Grand Rapids

\$488

\$365
Crookston

**Statewide per pupil
average increase**

\$763
Anoka-Hennepin

\$397
Northfield

\$325
Willmar

Source: MN Dept. of Education

FUNDING REFORM

- Alternative teacher licensing for career professionals
- Scholarships for students who graduate early
- Reading proficiency requirements by 3rd grade
- Early education scholarships to give low-income parents more choice
- Teacher evaluations based on student achievement
- Significant mandate relief
- New principal evaluations based on performance
- Ended the ineffective Integration Aid program