

EXECUTIVE ORDER 87-14 PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON MATH AND SCIENCE

I, RUDY PERPICH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, high quality mathematics and science education is critical to the preparation of students for a rapidly changing world; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all students are provided the opportunity to participate in academic programs which meet their unique needs and talents; and

WHEREAS, the condition of existing pre-college math and science education requires close scrutiny to enhance and expand learning opportunities for students; and

WHEREAS, our state has the benefit of resources within the business and academic communities to address the issue of math and science education through our demonstrated strength as a center of innovation in scientific fields such as biotechnology, microelectronics, composites, and medical technologies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

- 1. A Governor's Task Force on Math and Science be created to study and develop recommendations about improving math and science education in elementary and secondary schools. The Task Force shall be composed of fifteen members, including the following:
 - a. Two secondary teachers of science and mathematics
 - b. One public school administrator
 - c. Two persons representing higher education
 - d. One representative from the Minnesota High Technology Council
 - e. Nine public members.
- 2. The Task Force shall have the following duties:

By December 15, 1987, the Task Force shall report to the Governor and Legislature its recommendations for improving math and science education in elementary and secondary schools. The report shall include the following:

a. A review of existing programs for math and science instruction.

- b. A comprehensive assessment of the need for improving math and science programs with recommendations for expanded math and science opportunities for all students.
- c. Recommendations regarding the establishment of a school for mathematics and science, including: the need for the school, its ability to serve as a statewide resource center for school districts and organization its and management, administration and staffing, its curriculum components, its tuition, its transportation and housing, and its funding.
- 3. The Department of Education shall assist in staffing the Task Force and may employ consultants and specialists to assist in preparing the report.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the <u>State Register</u> and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 4.035, Subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this fifth day of June, 1987.

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Filed According to Law:

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