

**K-12 Education Budget Division**

**Wednesday, January 12, 2005**

**9:00 a.m. Room 112 - State Capitol**

**Members Present**

Senator L. Stumpf  
Senator E. Anderson  
Senator M. Fischbach  
Senator D. Gaither  
Senator D. Hann  
Senator D. Johnson  
Senator Michael Jungbauer  
Senator S. Kelley  
Senator K. Langseth  
Senator S. Marko  
Senator G. Olson  
Senator T. Saxhaug  
Senator L. Scheid  
Senator W. Skoglund  
Senator D. Sparks  
Senator B. Wergin  
Senator C. Wiger

**Members Excused**

Senator S. Nienow

Senator Stumpf called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

The former commissioners of finance – John Gunyou and Jay Kiedrowski discussed budgeting and resolving projected shortfalls with the committee members.

Gunyou said the former commissioners are concerned about political polarization in the state, but believe that there are policy issues extending beyond partisan viewpoints. The accurate way to portray the shortfall is to include inflation. Including inflation in the projections means the state is spending about \$2 million per day more than it takes in Gunyou said.

There are four solutions to the problem, Kiedrowski said. He identified the solutions as honestly balancing the budget, spending smarter, fixing the volatility of the tax system and investing in the future.

Handout # 1 Summary of E-12 Education Finance Reductions requested by Senator Anderson on 1/11/05

Handout # 2 – Mpls Star Tribune Editorial K-12 Education/Live up to the Promise dated 1/04/05

Handout # 3 Straight Talk About State Finances – J. Gunyou and J. Kiedrowski


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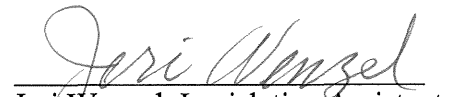
Handout # 4 - Mpls Star - John Gunyou, Jay Kiedrowski and Pamela Wheelock: Time for state to stop fiscal charades dated 1/4/05

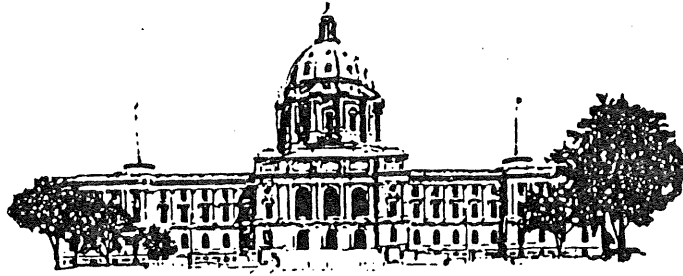
Handout # 5 - Here's the real truth about education funding - John Gunyou

Handout # 6 - Mpls Star - Why has the state stopped investing in education? John Gunyou - 1/12/04

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The proceedings were taped and the materials distributed are attached to these minutes.

  
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Senator LeRoy Stumpf  
Chairman

  
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Jeri Wenzel, Legislative Assistant



## **SENATE COMMITTEE HEARING**

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#### **AGENDA**

Minnesota Finance Presentation by former Finance Commissioners:

Jay Kiedrowski and John Gunyou

Senator LeRoy Stumpf  
Chairman

Jeri Wenzel  
Legislative Assistant