

**K-12 Education Budget Division**

**Wednesday, January 19, 2005**

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

**Members Present**

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

**Members Excused**

Senator D. Gaither

Senator Stumpf called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

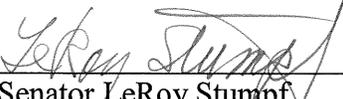
The members heard a presentation from Ric Dressen, who chairs the Education Finance Reform Task Force.

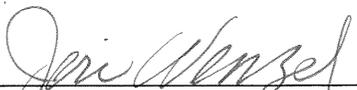
Mr. Dressen who also serves as the Alexandria school district superintendent presented a report from the task force which examines how Minnesota can make schools financially more equitable, understandable, and accountable. "While current funding follows a model of 'access and equity' we do not believe the current funding system will bring that model forward," Dressen said.

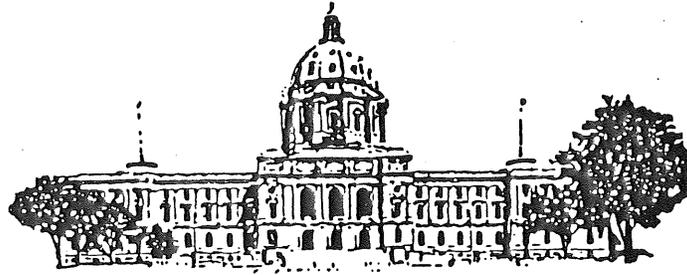
The task force put forth a six-point plan that organizes Minnesota education funding into a five tier system: instructional services, local district revenues, innovative programs, categorical programs, and facilities and debt service.

Handout # 1 – Investing in our Future – July 2004  
Handout # 2 Education Week

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 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**

Presentation by Ric Dressen – Chair, Education Finance Reform Task Force

Senator LeRoy Stumpf  
Chairman

Jeri Wenzel  
Legislative Assistant