



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 79-36

Providing for the Establishment of the  
Governor's Task Force on Educational Policy

I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, Minnesotans place a high value on education, recognizing the contribution of elementary-secondary schools to individual development, civic affairs, the health of communities, and the quality of life in the state as a whole, and

WHEREAS, the pressures of enrollment fluctuations, social changes, economic constraints, and new energy realities on Minnesota elementary and secondary schools require a fresh look at the financing, structure, delivery, and content of educational programs, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota citizens have demonstrated their commitment to providing a quality education for all young people by actively participating in local and regional planning task forces since 1976 and supporting local and state initiatives to improve school programs and facilities, and

WHEREAS, future state policy initiatives in education should reflect the contributions of Minnesota citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, I Order:

1. Creation of a Governor's Task Force on Educational Policy.

- a. The Task Force shall consist of 15 members appointed by the Governor pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 15.0593. Eight members shall represent a broad spectrum of Minnesota citizens with a demonstrated interest in education. The Governor shall appoint one of these eight public members to serve as chairperson. These eight positions shall be filled through the open appointments process, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 15.0597. The remaining seven positions shall be filled from members of the educational community.
- b. Task force members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The chairperson of the Task Force shall inform the appointing authority of a member missing three consecutive meetings. After the second consecutive missed meeting and before the next meeting, the Task Force chairperson shall notify the member in writing that s/he may be removed if s/he misses the next meeting. In the case of a vacancy, the Governor shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- c. The Task Force meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

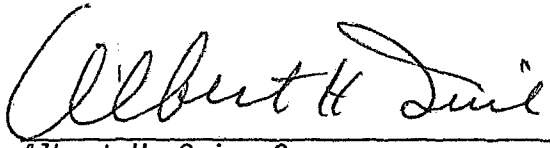
- d. Ex-officio members from the Legislative and Executive branches will be requested by the Governor to participate in Task Force activities.
  - e. All departments and agencies shall make available to the Task Force, upon request, policy and public information pertaining to programs which relate to education.
  - f. Terms of Task Force members shall expire June 30, 1981.
  - g. Members of the Task Force shall receive no per diem but may be paid expenses in the same manner as State employees, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 15.0593.
2. The purposes of the Task Force are to:
- a. Provide the opportunity for citizens to contribute to future state policy initiatives in elementary-secondary education.
  - b. Provide a state-level vehicle for synthesizing and expanding on the work of local and regional educational planning task forces mandated by the Legislature.
  - c. Provide a visible forum which is conducive to taking a fresh look at elementary-secondary education and developing innovative strategies to address specific concerns.
  - d. Initiate and maintain involvement in special studies relating to elementary-secondary education undertaken by other public and private organizations.
  - e. Explore options and develop substantive alternative strategies for public policy action in major areas of concern.
  - f. Provide recommendations for policy initiatives to the Governor and the Legislature based on findings.

3. The entire appropriation to the Task Force, as authorized by Laws 1979, Chapter 333, Section 9, has been transferred, under the authority of Reorganization Order #103, from the Office of the Governor to the Minnesota State Planning Agency.
  - a. A Task Force Director has been appointed by the Governor. The Task Force Director shall report directly to the Office of the Governor.
  - b. The State Planning Agency shall provide administrative support to the Task Force.
  - c. The State Planning Agency shall act as fiscal agent for the Task Force, and, after receiving Task Force recommendations, may apply for, accept, and expend private and public funds pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 4.07 and 7.09.
  - d. The work program of the Human Resources activity in the State Planning Agency, insofar as it addresses questions of elementary and secondary education policy, shall be designed to complement the work of the Task Force. Where necessary and feasible, the work programs of other State Planning Agency activities will be designed or modified to meet the needs of the Task Force.
  - e. The Minnesota Department of Education shall provide staff assistance to the Task Force as requested by the Task Force Director, insofar as it is necessary and feasible.
4. The Task Force shall prepare a final report to the Governor and the Legislature on or before February 1, 1981.


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Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 4.035, this order shall be effective 15 days after its publication in the State Register and shall remain in effect until June 30, 1981, unless it is rescinded by proper authority, or unless it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 4.035.

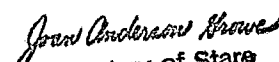
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this 3rd day of October, 1979.

  
Albert H. Quie, Governor

Filled according to Law:

  
Joan Anderson Grove  
Secretary of State

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