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Budget for a Better Minnesota

Strengthening the Middle Class

Minnesota is at its best when our middle class is strong. That's why Governor Dayton's budget is squarely focused on improving the lives of middle class Minnesotans.

How Governor Dayton's Budget Helps the Middle Class

» **Property Tax Rebate.** The Governor's budget provides a property tax rebate of up to \$500 for Minnesota homeowners. Combined with a new investment in Local Government Aid and County Program Aid, these measures will greatly reduce the property tax burden on middle class families.

» **A Strong Economy for a Prosperous Middle Class.** The Governor's budget will strengthen Minnesota's economy by supporting small business growth, making Minnesota more competitive, improving our roads, infrastructure and transit, and making important investments in Minnesota's economic future.

» **Making Major Investments in Public Education.** The Governor's budget makes a major investment in early education scholarships and provides access to All-Day Kindergarten for 85% of Minnesota Kindergartners. His budget also increases school funding by \$118 million – or \$52 for every student in the state.

» **A Fair Tax System.** The Governor's budget asks the wealthiest 2% to pay their fair share in taxes. His budget closes corporate tax loopholes and lowers the state sales tax rate 20% – the largest sales tax rate cut in state history. This comprehensive tax reform plan provides the revenue we need to make critical investments in Minnesota's future.

» **Making Higher Education More Affordable and Accessible.** The Governor's budget invests an additional \$80 million in the Minnesota State Grant Program – the largest funding increase in direct student aid in more than 25 years. This will help an additional 5,000 Minnesotans achieve the dream of a college education.

Middle Class Budget by the Numbers

\$500	Every homestead will receive a property tax rebate of up to \$500
98%	Percentage of Minnesotans who will see no income tax increase
11,000	Students who will receive early learning scholarships
\$52	Increase in K-12 school funding per student statewide
85%	Percentage of Kindergartners who will have access to All-Day K
5,000	Additional students whose higher education will be more affordable