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Rep. Ecklund announces support for emergency school aid proposal

St. Paul, Minn. – Following the <u>release of Gov. Dayton's proposal</u> to provide \$138 million in emergency aid to school districts around Minnesota, Rep. Rob Ecklund, DFL-International Falls, released the following statement:

"Dozens of school districts across our state are facing budget deficits and cuts that could significantly impact the quality education we are committed to providing for our kids.

"This one-time funding can help prevent layoffs, the elimination of extracurricular activities, and larger class sizes in the coming year. Increasing school resources is an investment in the future and the more we can do to prepare kids for college or the workforce, the better off we'll be."

The proposal increases school resources by 2 percent, amounting to an additional \$126 for every student in Minnesota.

Funding increases for the following school districts are below:

International Falls School District \$163,981

St. Louis County School District \$317,926

Lake Superior Public School District \$225,816

Ely Public School District \$85,983

Littlefork-Big Falls School District \$68,704

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