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Walz makes funding public education a priority in State of the State speech

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ST. PAUL, Minnesota. April 3, 2019 – Gov. Tim Walz made a strong case for increasing the state’s investment in public education through the stories of educators and students during the governor’s State of the State speech Wednesday evening.

“Gov. Walz understands that the chronic underfunding of public schools is one of the biggest obstacles to student success,” said Denise Specht, the president of Education Minnesota. “His plan for increasing funding for public education would help thousands of students, in every Minnesota town and neighborhood, achieve their dreams. We stand ready to help him make that vision a reality.”

Earlier this year, Education Minnesota released its definition of fully funding E-12 public education, including reducing class sizes so students can get individual attention, bringing the state’s ratio of counselors to students in line with national standards, giving every 4-year-old access to a high-quality pre-K program, raising educator pay and reducing educators’ education debt. The cost was \$3.7 billion to \$4.3 billion for the biennium.

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