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Education Minnesota think tank presents new report on building equitable schools

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ST. PAUL, Minnesota, May 7, 2019 – Building a system of equitable public schools that will meet the needs of an increasingly diverse student body will require both policy changes and a dramatic increase in state funding, according to a new report from Education Minnesota’s think tank, the Educator Policy Innovation Center.

Educators from around Minnesota will present the report, “Building an Equitable School System for All Students and Educators,” at a news conference at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 7, in the press room in the Capitol basement.

“The funding issues that plague Minnesota schools perpetuate the racial achievement gaps and cause teacher attrition,” the report argues. The report makes recommendations in 10 areas, including educator compensation, teacher preparation and licensing, educating students who have experienced trauma, and increasing access to mental health and other supports within schools.

Printed copies of the 24-page executive summary of the report will be available at the news conference. Copies of the full, 280-page report [will be available online](#).

Logistics

Who: Education Minnesota President Denise Specht and frontline educators from around Minnesota who advised on the report.

What: Release of the report, “Building an Equitable School System for All Students and Educators,” by the Educator Policy Innovation Center, or EPIC.

When: 10 – 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 8.

Where: Capitol news conference room, B971, state Capitol.

Why: Define the size and scope of funding and policy changes to create truly equitable schools.

President Specht will be available for comment on the ongoing state budget negotiations following the presentation of the report.

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