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Minnesota must continue investing in its residents during pandemic

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ST. PAUL, Minnesota May, 5, 2020 – Education Minnesota President Denise Specht said Tuesday the state of Minnesota must continue to focus on investing in its residents after the Minnesota Department of Management and Budget forecast a \$2.43 billion budget deficit and cautioned about future revenue shortfalls.

“It has never been more clear that Minnesotans pull through by pulling together, no matter what we look like or where we live. But it’s also becoming clear that the wealthiest 1 percent, and the politicians who support them, see the budget deficits in our future as an opportunity not to step up and pay their fair share, but as a chance to fuel divisions in our society so they can lobby for budget cuts that will harm the people who all Minnesotans have come to depend on during this pandemic, including health care providers, first responders, state employees and educators of all kinds,” Specht said. “It’s time for Minnesotans to join together to rewrite the rules and rebuild our state so everyone, with no exceptions, pays their fair share, earns a fair return for their work and can care for their families and feel good about sending their children to safe and welcoming public schools staffed by professional educators.”

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