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Perpich Center Response to Governor Pawlenty's Budget Proposal

Arts Education Critical to Minnesota Students

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Governor Pawlenty's budget proposal, released this afternoon, recommends that outreach functions of the Perpich Center for Arts Education be eliminated and that the Perpich Center Arts High School be transitioned into a charter school.

We appreciate the Governor's desire to maintain arts education while undertaking the extreme task of balancing the state's budget at a time of unprecedented local, state and national economic crises.

Arts education is critical to Minnesota students and we will work with the governor and legislators to make certain that the mission of the Perpich Center for Arts Education is maintained. We will do all we can to preserve our core values.

About the Perpich Center for Arts Education:

The Perpich Center is an agency of the State of Minnesota. In addition to operating a tuition-free arts high school, the Center serves students and communities throughout the state of Minnesota by providing outreach services that help educators improve student achievement in and through the arts.

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