

- ◆ My expectations for the Profile of Learning:
 - High standards in education, on a statewide basis.
 - I want protection of local decision-making about how to achieve those statewide high standards. The Profile of Learning does that.
 - I want a bill that keeps high standards in place, but fixes those problems that are evident and can be fixed.
 - I expect all conferees will do their job...which is to work sincerely toward a solution that protects high standards in education in Minnesota.

That's what the people of Minnesota want too, and that's what I expect.

- ◆ There's a big difference between the House version and the Senate's.
 - The House passed a bill two months ago, and it basically scraps high standards.
 - The Senate's bill makes changes and seems to be focused on finding a solution.
 - While I like that attitude, I don't think either body's bill is ready to be put on my desk.
- ◆ The opponents to high standards haven't made their case, and they've had many chances to do so.
- ◆ On the other hand, teachers and students have proven that the Profile does give us high standards.
 - At schools across the state, students and teachers have shown me, Lieutenant Governor Schunk, and Commissioner Jax that high standards enhance learning.