**Minnesota State Constitution**

**ARTICLE XIII**

**MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS**

**Section 1. Uniform system of public schools.**

The stability of a republican form of government depending mainly upon the intelligence of the people, it is the duty of the legislature to establish a general and uniform system of public schools. The legislature shall make such provisions by taxation or otherwise as will secure a thorough and efficient system of public schools throughout the state.

Where as; Minnesota’s constitution requires the legislature to fund a uniform system of public schools.

Where as; Every legislative biennium there are doubts as to whether or not the legislature will provide sufficient funds to public schools

Where as; reliance on property taxes for education is regressive and unequal

Therefore; the Legislature and Governor should dedicate state revenues in order to fund schools at a level sufficient to cover inflationary cost pressures and equalize property tax burdens for all public school students.