

# Minnesota Service Cooperatives **2007** *Initiatives*

- **Increase general education funding and special education funding.**

We support P.S. Minnesota's proposal for a new pre-K through 12 funding formula which is rationally linked to student achievement.

- **Invest in the technology infrastructure of Minnesota school districts.**

In order to remain competitive both nationally and globally, the State needs to invest \$5 million per year for the telecommunications/Internet equity aid appropriation.

- **Support adequate funding for Minnesota cities, counties and other governmental agencies.**

- **Support universal health care beginning with coverage for all children.**

- **Health care costs are a concern in every business as well as the public sector.**

The Service Cooperatives offer a proven, voluntary health care solution to governmental agencies, school districts and their families. It is a 21-year time tested, reliable, self-insured group health insurance model that is more affordable than any other comparable program in the State. A mandated "one size fits all" legislation for school district employees is not the answer to affordable health care. The State should do the following to ensure that all school districts have the ability to find the most affordable health care plans for their employees:

Establish a voluntary statewide insurance pool. This would give school districts the freedom to purchase health insurance that best serves their groups' needs. Free, open market and competitive plans support local control. The plans would be self-insured as a regional pooling effort through one of the Service Cooperatives or through a voluntary statewide insurance pool.

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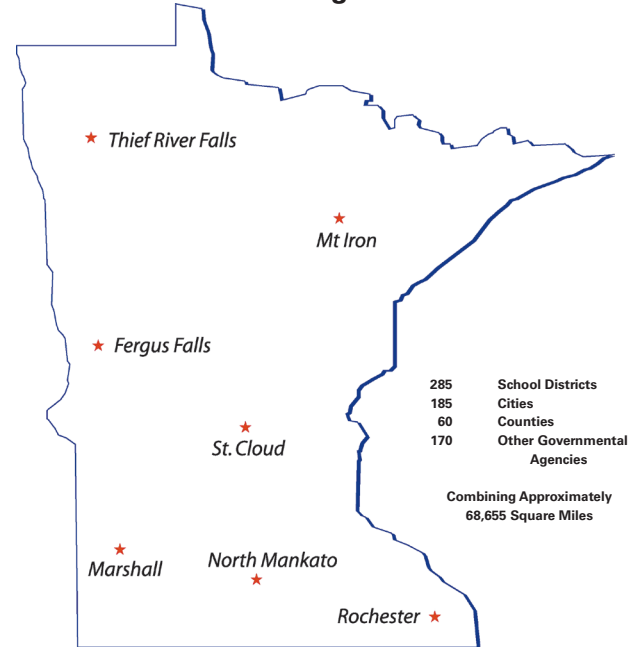


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