



2011 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- 1. Maintain current state funds for community learning opportunities in the out-of-school time (e.g. after school, youth development, and summer programs) and the systems and infrastructure that support these opportunities.**

Public funding for youth programming in the out-of-school time is essential to ensuring youth have a broad array of positive opportunities to learn, grow, lead and contribute.

- 2. Educate legislators and local policy makers about the policy framework Supporting Youth Success: The Promise of Expanded Learning Opportunities and its recommendations.**

The Supporting Youth Success policy framework calls for the creation of comprehensive learning systems in communities across the state. The framework supports learning during the non-school hours through after school, youth development and summer program as a critical strategy for helping prepare youth for college, work and life.

- 3. Focus on informing the education community about Supporting Youth Success policy recommendation to expand the definition of success to include learning that takes place in the classroom as well as learning that takes place in the community through the P-20 council.**

The P-20 Council can assist in the development and adoption of a broader definition of success for Minnesota's youth, which is designed to help youth prepare for college work and life by including indicators of progress related to formal education as well as non-formal learning that takes place in after school, youth development and summer programs.