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**From:** Zakula, Linden (GOV)  
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**To:** GMD  
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**Subject:** Coverage and Tweets

Some quotes from tweets/coverage. Legislators were tweeting about how they are with you, those are toward the bottom. Matt will send you potential questions for your 11am news conference this morning.

Scheck: Republican House Speaker Kurt Daudt also said their intention is to move ahead with the budget agreement regardless of Dayton's objection.

Bakst: @kdaudt echoes Bakk about proceeding with #mnleg-struck accord as discussed: "It's solid as far as we're concerned"

Bakst: Bakk says #mnleg will send Dayton the Ed bill as outlined earlier. "We don't have \$550m". Says Dayton would have to decide if vetoworthy

Bakst: Bakk says, "I'll be disappointed" if Dayton vetoes smaller Ed bill than he wants #mnleg

Bakst: @paulthissen: "We don't plan on slowing things down so they don't get done on time." #mnleg

Bakst: Also @paulthissen: "The idea that getting done on time is a victory is a pretty low standard to apply." #mnleg

AP: "It's fair for Minnesotans to ask: Why are you leaving that money on the bottom line when you could freeze tuition or do these other things?" he said. "The idea that getting done on time is victory is a pretty low standard to apply. We had a big opportunity to continue to build on progress and it doesn't look like we're going to be able to do that."

Pioneer Press: "It is really important to know that the governor has not signed off on this deal," Minority Leader Paul Thissen, DFL-Minneapolis, said Friday night on TPT's Almanac.

Pioneer Press: The Senate transportation committee chair Sen. Scott Dibble, DFL-Minneapolis, said he is unsatisfied that transportation fell off the priority list. "I'm going to keep pushing. I think it's worth doing," Dibble said. Though Bakk and Daudt said lawmakers could pass a transportation plan next year if they don't get one done this year, Dibble said that was unlikely to pass in an election year. "We're fooling ourselves if we think we're going to come back next year and do a transportation (package)," Dibble said. "I think that pushes it back to the next biennium if we don't do it this year."

Pioneer Press: House education committee chair, Rep. Jenifer Loon, R-Eden Prairie, said some policy changes need to be in the mix. "Policy is very important to us," Loon said. She's made reforming teacher seniority rules a top priority. DFL Senate leaders have forbidden talk of policy until the budget is complete.

Pioneer Press: The two were at odds over how the \$166 million in new higher education spending should be divided between the University of Minnesota and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

Senate leaders have insisted that the U and MnSCU should be at parity. "We are not close together yet," Bonoff said.

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Dave Pinto: #standstrong @GovMarkDayton - thanks for supporting our kids! [kstp.com/news/stories/s...](http://kstp.com/news/stories/s...)  
#mnleg

Dan Schoen: I stand w/ @GovMarkDayton for more education funding. Our kids need it. #mnleg

Tina Liebling: Never underestimate @GovMarkDayton. He'll fight for Minnesota's kids.

Raymond Dehn: I stand with @GovMarkDayton Lets support our students! #standstrong #mnleg

Kim Norton: @raymonddehn @GovMarkDayton We need at least 2% on the formula & tuition freezes at all our higher Ed institutions-stand with the Governor!!

Katie Sieben: My son at preschool this week. All kids deserve a great start like this. I support @GovMarkDayton 's push for preK!

Ryan Winkler: Count me in to support @GovMarkDayton and his insistence on investing in MN's kids. We can take the time to so the right thing.

Ryan Winkler: Stand with @GovMarkDayton: MN's early early learners should be prioritized in any budget surplus.

## **Blake, Cumah (GOV)**

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**From:** Zakula, Linden (GOV)  
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**Subject:** FYI - "a punt is a win"

Governor - this was in the star tribune morning political newsletter: not all that surprising but thought it would be good for you to know.

"In line at the food trucks Tuesday, a Republican legislator said he can envision no tax bill and said he can live with that as long as there's no DFL transportation measure. "A punt is a win," he said, because as long as there's no new programs and the surplus keeps piling up, they can come back and cut taxes eventually, if not this year. Interesting perspective. The BBQ from the food truck was good, too."

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