

- Education Lobby Day -

9:00 am - Wednesday, March 10, 2004

Meet in the Capitol Rotunda

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Days Events

Include:

- Capitol Briefing
- Rally
- Instructions on visiting legislators
- We will provide materials to give legislators

In 2003 Minnesota eliminated the disastrous experiment called the Profile of Learning. But what will take its place?

Do you support academic, knowledge based standards that:

- Tell the truth about America and our founding principles?
- Defend the Declaration of Independence as a founding document?
- Equip future leaders to defend our liberty?
- Present objective, unbiased facts?

You have a stake in the 2004 debate on science and social studies standards. Your presence at the Capitol can influence the outcome.

Brief Overview of the Standards Debate:

Radicals posing as "mainstream national experts" are pushing to change the proposed citizen's committee standards. They minimize the Declaration of Independence by claiming that it is not a founding document. The radicals' real agenda is eliminating the Declarations' principles of national sovereignty, self-evident truths and unalienable rights from the standards.

Minnesota must adopt state standards and tests in science, language arts and math to comply with federal law (No Child Left Behind—NCLB). The Profile of Learning standards were entirely repealed last year, and new language arts and math standards were adopted.

Since federal law does not directly require social studies standards this year, critics of the citizen's committee standards want **no social studies standards at all**. However, the social studies standards will be taught in the language arts. Since the radical Profile of Learning has been put into every school curriculum by force of law for the past five years, no new social studies standards this year would **leave the diversity training Profile standards entirely in place in Minnesota schools**.

New science standards are, however, required by federal law this year. This is our one chance to get standards that allow **discussion of the scientific controversies** of evolution.

Your legislators need to hear and see

- That you support the academic standards.
- That you want them as written by the citizens.
- That you oppose any third drafts in social studies.
- That you support the science minority report.

We Need You on March 10. Be there!