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Minnesota's New Teacher Evaluation Law Receives Praise from National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ)

Roseville, Minn. – Minnesota's new, bi-partisan teacher evaluation law has been singled out for praise by the National Council on Teacher Quality. The new law, enacted during the 2011 special session, meets most of the goals outlined by the Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit group, which advocates for reforms to teacher training, evaluation and compensation.

"It's exciting to see Minnesota recognized as a leader in meaningful reform efforts – especially when it comes to supporting and recognizing the work of professional teachers in the classroom," said Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius. "I look forward to working with Governor Dayton as we continue our efforts to make Minnesota a national leader in high-quality teaching and learning."

Under the new law, multiple measures will be utilized to evaluate teacher effectiveness, including data regarding student achievement, engagement and commitment. In addition, teachers may present portfolios of student work that they feel shows evidence of growth. Details of the evaluation system will be developed by a teacher evaluation task force set to be appointed by the Minnesota Department of Education.

<u>View the council's report</u> at: http://www.edweek.org/media/nctq_stateofthestates_embargoed.pdf ###