

recognition of her outstanding leadership, so important to quality schools.

But there are other factors necessary to school success. This is a good time to remember them and make a commitment to improving these factors.

Project for Pride in Living started a school four years ago to provide the opportunity to low-income students for a quality education. Based on that experience, here are some necessary ingredients:

- Parent involvement. Families must be partners.

- Good teachers. It is encouraging to see the numbers of highly motivated and competent teachers. Let's make sure they are justly compensated.

- Small is good. Superintendent Harvey now has the opportunity to implement the "small school" initiative with the Center for School Change.

- Principals. We need strong curriculum.

- Let the students give back.

Provide the opportunity for community service so students can become "big citizens."

- Community involvement. Community partners that bring caring adults into the schools put "us" in the equation.

- Support funding initiatives and hold schools accountable.

When a family looks for a place to call home, they look for a good city, a good neighborhood, but most of all, they look for good schools.

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It's good news to hear Harvey call St. Paul her city, her home.

It was not surprising that Mayor Randy Kelly, school board members and the business community rallied to keep Harvey in St. Paul. I join them in their