

## Education Minnesota

# Education Minnesota supports decision to appoint Tina Smith to U.S. Senate

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ST. PAUL, Minn. Dec. 13, 2017 \_ Gov. Mark Dayton announced Wednesday that he would appoint Lt. Gov. Tina Smith to the U.S. Senate to replace Sen. Al Franken, who announced previously that he would resign. Education Minnesota President Denise Specht released the following statement in response to the news.

“Tina Smith worked with Gov. Mark Dayton to make historic investments in the students of Minnesota, including giving every family access to all-day kindergarten, while repaying billions of dollars owed to the schools and fixing structural deficits in the state budget,” Specht said. “Tina will bring the same fierce advocacy for working families and fiscal smarts to Congress at a time when both are in short supply. Today, Minnesota’s loss is the nation’s gain.”

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