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Education Minnesota endorses Melissa Wagner for House

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ST. PAUL, Minn. Jan. 17, 2018 – Education Minnesota's political action committee has endorsed Lake Crystal resident Melissa Wagner, a school social worker, in her campaign for the Minnesota House in District 23B.

Wagner screened with a committee of educators from District 23B on Jan. 4. The screening committee recommended endorsement of Wagner's campaign to the Education Minnesota Political Action Committee. The PAC board voted Wednesday to endorse her run.

"Schools in Greater Minnesota could not have a better advocate at the Capitol than Melissa Wagner," said Denise Specht, president of Education Minnesota. "She understands the need to reduce standardized testing in schools and to increase access to mental health care for all our children, but she can also push for the things rural schools need in particular."

Wagner is running as a member of the DFL in a special election on Feb. 12 to replace Rep. Tony Cornish, who resigned amid allegations of sexual harassment. Wagner works as a school social worker in several school districts in the Mankato area.

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