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## Education Minnesota supports push for smaller classes, more support, for St. Paul students

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ST. PAUL, Minn. Feb. 1, 2018 – Education Minnesota President Denise Specht released the following statement Thursday in support of the educators in St. Paul, who voted late Wednesday to authorize a strike.

"Minnesota educators are passionate about giving their students what they need to succeed, including access to caring professionals for students with special needs and English learners, and individual attention for everyone," Specht said. "When a district denies those things to its students, teachers get frustrated and demand change. That's what's happening in St. Paul."

"Education Minnesota stands with the Saint Paul Federation of Teachers as it negotiates for the schools St. Paul students deserve," Specht said.

## **About Education Minnesota**

Education Minnesota is the voice for professional educators and students. Education Minnesota's members include teachers and education support professionals in Minnesota's public school districts, faculty members at Minnesota's community and technical colleges and University of Minnesota campuses in Duluth and Crookston, retired educators and student teachers. Education Minnesota is affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers, National Education Association and AFL-CIO.

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