

## Education Minnesota

# Education Minnesota announces legislative endorsements

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*ST. PAUL, Minnesota. July 3, 2018* \_ Education Minnesota announced on Tuesday that it has endorsed 31 candidates for the state Legislature, including three professional educators.

Educators Julie Sandstede, Mary Kunesh-Podein and Lyndon Carlson are among the 10 incumbent state representatives on the list.

All the endorsed candidates are running for the Minnesota House except Joe Perske. The union endorsed him in the special election in Senate District 13 in central Minnesota.

Education Minnesota will announce additional endorsements over the next few months.

| <b>Name</b>         | <b>District</b> | <b>Area</b>      | <b>Party</b> |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Pat Medure          | 5B              | Grand Rapids     | DFL          |
| Julie Sandstede     | 6A              | Hibbing          | DFL          |
| Joe Perske          | SD 13           | Sartell          | DFL          |
| Jim Read            | 13A             | Avon             | DFL          |
| Aric Putnam         | 14A             | St. Cloud        | DFL          |
| Dan Wolgamott       | 14B             | St. Cloud        | DFL          |
| Ashley Latzke       | 18B             | Gaylord          | DFL          |
| Jeff Brand          | 19A             | St Peter         | DFL          |
| Jack Considine      | 19B             | Mankato          | DFL          |
| James Grabowska     | 23B             | St Clair         | DFL          |
| Sarah Hamlin        | 30A             | Elk River        | DFL          |
| Margaret Fernandez  | 30B             | St Michael       | DFL          |
| Brad Brown          | 31A             | Princeton        | DFL          |
| Jeff Peterson       | 32B             | Wyoming          | DFL          |
| Daniel Solon        | 34A             | Rogers           | DFL          |
| Kristin Bahner      | 34B             | Maple Grove      | DFL          |
| Bill Vikander       | 35A             | Ramsey           | DFL          |
| Kathryn Eckhardt    | 35B             | Andover          | DFL          |
| Zachary Stephenson  | 36A             | Coon Rapids      | DFL          |
| Melissa Hortman     | 36B             | Brooklyn Park    | DFL          |
| Erin Koegel         | 37A             | Spring Lake Park | DFL          |
| Amir Malik          | 37B             | Blaine           | DFL          |
| Connie Bernardy     | 41A             | New Brighton     | DFL          |
| Mary Kunesh- Podein | 41B             | New Brighton     | DFL          |
| Ginny Klevorn       | 44A             | Plymouth         | DFL          |
| Patty Acomb         | 44B             | Minnetonka       | DFL          |

Lyndon Carlson 45A Crystal DFL  
Mike Freiberg 45B Golden Valley DFL  
Sandra Masin 51A Eagan DFL  
Laurie Halverson 51B Eagan DFL  
John Huot 57B Rosemount DFL

The union endorsed candidates who interviewed with educators from their districts and who completed questionnaires created by educators.

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