

## Education Minnesota

# Education Minnesota announces legislative endorsements

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*ST. PAUL, Minnesota. Aug. 1, 2018* \_ Education Minnesota announced on Wednesday that it has endorsed 68 candidates for the state Legislature, including eight current or former members of the union.

Educators Paul Marquart, Jennifer Schultz, Dean Urdahl, Jeanne Poppe, Stephen Browning, Murray Smart, Jamie Mahlberg and Terry Gjersvik are among the candidates in the latest round of endorsements.

The list released Wednesday includes 20 incumbents, 40 challengers and eight candidates running in open seats for the Minnesota House.

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

### Incumbents

#### **Name District Area Party**

Robert Ecklund	3A	International Falls	DFL
Mary Murphy	3B	Hermantown	DFL
Ben Lien	4A	Moorhead	DFL
Paul Marquart	4B	Dilworth	DFL
Jennifer Schultz	7A	Duluth	DFL
Liz Olson	7B	Duluth	DFL
Dean Urdahl	18A	Grove City	RPM
Duane Sauke	25B	Rochester	DFL
Tina Liebling	26A	Rochester	DFL
Jeanne Poppe	27B	Austin	DFL
Gene Pelowski	28A	Winona	DFL
Michael Nelson	40A	Brooklyn Park	DFL
Jamie Becker- Finn	42B	Roseville	DFL
Peter Fischer	43A	Maplewood	DFL
Leon Lillie	43B	North St Paul	DFL
Cheryl Youakim	46B	Hopkins	DFL
Laurie Pryor	48A	Minnetonka	DFL
Andrew Carlson	50B	Bloomington	DFL
Rick Hansen	52A	South St Paul	DFL
Alice Hausman	66A	Roseville	DFL

### Challengers

#### **Name District Area Party**

Stephen Moeller	1A	Thief River Falls	DFL
Brent Lindstrom	1B	East Grand Forks	DFL

Gail Kulp 8B Alexandria DFL  
 Stephen Browning 9B Little Falls DFL  
 Dale Menk 10A Brainerd DFL  
 Phil Yetzer 10B Crosby DFL  
 Murray Smart 12A Beardsley DFL  
 Emy Minzel 15A Princeton DFL  
 Tom Wyatt-Yerka 16A Marshall DFL  
 Mindy Kimmel 16B New Ulm DFL  
 Lyle Koenen 17A Clara City DFL  
 Anita Flowe 17B Willmar DFL  
 Barbara Droher Kline 20A New Prague DFL  
 Jonathan Isenor 21B Wanamingo DFL  
 Maxwell Kaufman 22A Fulda DFL  
 Cheniqua Johnson 22B Worthington DFL  
 Heather Klassen 23A Butterfield DFL  
 Joseph Heegard 24A Owatonna DFL  
 Yvette Marthaler 24B Faribault DFL  
 Jamie Mahlberg 25A Rochester DFL  
 Tyrel Clark 26B Eyota DFL  
 Terry Gjersvik 27A Alden DFL  
 Renee Cardarelle 29A Annandale DFL  
 Sharon McGinty 29B Buffalo DFL  
 Renae Berg 32A Rush City DFL  
 Norrie Thomas 33A Wayzata DFL  
 Kelly Morrison 33B Deephaven DFL  
 Kevin Fogarty 38A Centerville DFL  
 Shelly Christensen 39B Stillwater DFL  
 Kelly Moller 42A Shoreview DFL  
 Madalynn Gerold 47A Chaska DFL  
 Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn 48B Eden Prairie DFL  
 Heather Edelson 49A Edina DFL  
 Ruth Richardson 52B Mendota Heights DFL  
 Stephen Sandell 53B South St Paul DFL  
 Anne Claflin 54A Hastings DFL  
 Tina Folch 54B Woodbury DFL  
 Brad Tabke 55A Shakopee DFL  
 Hunter Cantrell 56A Savage DFL  
 Alice Mann 56B Lakeville DFL

### Open seats

#### **Name District Area Party**

Alex Hering 09A Pillager DFL  
 Jessica Filiaggi 15B Foley DFL  
 Cindy Yang 40B Brooklyn Park DFL  
 Ryan Winkler 46A Golden Valley DFL  
 Donzel Leggett 47B Chaska DFL  
 Steve Elkins 49B Bloomington DFL  
 Tou Xiong 53A Woodbury DFL  
 Robert Bierman 57A Apple Valley DFL

The union endorsed candidates who interviewed with educators from their districts and who completed

questionnaires created by educators.

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