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 Klime 20A New Prague DFL
Jonathan Isenor 21B Wanamingo DFL
Maxwell Kaufman 22A Fulda DFL
Cheniqa 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 Claffin 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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