

## Education Minnesota

# Education Minnesota stands with union sued as part of national anti-labor campaign

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*ST. PAUL, Minnesota. April 11, 2019* –A lawsuit was announced Tuesday against a union of public employees in Minnesota in what appears to be part of a national litigation strategy supported by a network of right-wing billionaires to undermine labor unions around the country.

The lawsuit against Teamsters Local 320 was announced in a news conference organized by a local member of the State Policy Network, a collection of right-wing, nonprofit advocacy groups.

“There are two common threads between all the lawsuits filed in this campaign,” said Denise Specht, president of Education Minnesota. “They claim, a little insultingly, that people who work on behalf of the public can’t read and understand a membership agreement. The other thing the lawsuits have in common is that they almost always lose when a judge reviews the facts and law.”

“Education Minnesota stands with our labor family against the latest attack by the billionaires who want to take away our freedom to join a union and negotiate collectively for wages that will sustain our families,” Specht said. “The greedy few who rigged the rules in their favor know unions are the best hope to restore fairness to our economy. This isn’t their first, and it won’t be the last, attempt to undermine labor.”

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