

## Education Minnesota

# Education rally scheduled for Saturday in the state Capitol

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*ST. PAUL, Minnesota. May 15, 2019* – Hundreds of educators from around Minnesota will rally in the Rotunda of the state Capitol on Saturday afternoon before fanning out across the Capitol complex to share their personal stories with lawmakers.

Frontline educators from Minnesota's E-12 schools and campuses will join elected officials in speaking about the need for transformational funding for public education, and for raising the revenue to pay for it.

Gov. Tim Walz and members of the House and Senate have been invited to speak. The ongoing budget negotiations may affect their availability, however.

### Logistics

Who: E-12 educators, college instructors and elected officials

What: Rally for transformative funding for public education

When: 12:30-1:30 p.m., Saturday, May 18

Where: Minnesota State Capitol, Rotunda

Earlier this year, Education Minnesota released its definition of fully funding E-12 public education, including reducing class sizes so students can get individual attention, bringing the state's ratio of counselors to students in line with national standards, giving every 4-year-old access to a high-quality pre-K program, raising educator pay and reducing educators' education debt. The cost was \$3.7 billion to \$4.3 billion for the biennium.

### About Education Minnesota

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