

2020 MEA conference goes virtual; features sessions on racial equity, mental health, distance learning

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ST. PAUL, Minnesota., Oct. 13, 2020 – The annual Minnesota Educator Academy conference, or MEA, will go on virtually Thursday, Oct. 15, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The day will feature dozens of live webinars for Education Minnesota members on racial equity in education, mental health, navigating distance learning and other topics. For teachers needing certain courses to renew their licenses, the union will offer lessons on a new online platform for members to complete at their own pace.

The keynote speech by Dr. Bettina Love, a professor at the University of Georgia, will kick off the day of learning by discussing the struggles and possibilities of fighting for an education system where all students are thriving, not simply surviving.

Love is an award-winning author, esteemed educational researcher and highly sought-after public speaker. Her writing, research, teaching and activism are centered around abolitionist teaching, which develops and supports educators in the struggle for racial justice within their schools and communities.

Unlike previous years, there will be no opportunities for live, stand-up media interviews at the MEA conference. However, accredited media seeking interviews with presenters or union leaders may directly contact Chris Williams, chris.williams@edmn.org, to schedule a time.

A complete list of presenters and classes are [available here](#).

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