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Education Minnesota celebrates 100+ get-out-the-vote events to finish the 2020 election season

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 31, 2020 – Education Minnesota will celebrate the hundreds of educators who have organized more than 100 get-out-the-vote events in the final days of the 2020 campaign during a short, virtual, public event Monday morning.

“Democracy works best for everyone when everyone votes,” said Denise Specht, president of Education Minnesota. “For our state to be a place where everyone can thrive - regardless of how they look, how they pray, or where they call home – every Minnesotan must vote for the candidates they believe in, and those votes must be counted. Our union has been working to make sure every single member, and tens of thousands of parents, cast their ballots this year. And you know what? We’re going to make it.”

Many of the events will happen Monday, including “Get out the Goat” sponsored by the Dakota County United Educators at 6:45-7:45 a.m. in the area between Eagan High School and Dakota Hills Middle School, 4185 Braddock Trail, Eagan, MN 55123. Three goats will greet staff on the way into the school to remind them to vote.

The virtual celebration will be from 9-9:30 a.m. Monday and feature educators from the Anoka-Hennepin Public Schools, Duluth Public Schools and Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Independent School District. Becky Pringle, the president of the 3-million-member National Education Association, will be a special guest.

Media may login to the Zoom meeting shortly before 9 a.m. here:

<https://edmn.zoom.us/j/98142064752?pwd=eFdjd3RPekZRN3ZaaHlaOEEdBRmNxdz09>

In many districts, the GOTV events are not open to the public. For example, staff in 19 buildings in the Elk River schools will receive pastries Monday reminding them, “Donut Forget to Vote!” In schools in Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan, educator-organizers are handing out Powerade drinks to staff, saying “You have the POWER to vote!”

Other events on Monday are public and open to journalists who wear masks and maintain appropriate social distancing, including:

Dakota County United Educators “Get out the Goat” event, 6:45-7:45 a.m., in the area (south side) between Eagan High School and Dakota Hills Middle School, 4185 Braddock Trail, Eagan, MN 55123. Three goats will be greeting staff as a reminder to vote!

Northfield GOTV march, 4:15 p.m., starting at Northfield High School. Educators will march from high school parking lot, 1400 Division St. S., Northfield, MN 55057, to Bridge Square downtown Northfield and then return.

Chaska GOTV car caravan, 2:45 p.m., starting at Chaska High School, 545 Pioneer Trail, Chaska, MN 55318. The caravan will drive to Chanhassen High School, pick up more educators, and proceed on a route through the district. Local pro-education candidates Addie Miller (SD47), Dan Kessler (HD47B) and Randy Maluchnik (Carver County Commissioner) are confirmed to be there. All area candidates were invited.

Duluth GOTV rally, after school at Myers-Wilkins Elementary School, 1027 N. 8th Ave. E., Duluth. Educators will be holding signs and waving at cars to encourage people to vote.

Prior Lake-Savage parking lot rally, 4 p.m., 7575 150th St. West, Savage, MN 55378.

Cloquet GOTV car parade, after school at Churchill Elementary, 515 Granite St., Cloquet, MN 55720

Moorhead after school parking lot rally at Asp Elementary, 910 11th St. N., Moorhead, MN 56560.

Deer River GOTV car parade, 3:25 p.m. at King Elementary, 500 5th St SE, Deer River, MN 56636

Grand Rapids GOTV parking lot rally, before school at East Elementary, 1195 NE 10th St., Grand Rapids, MN 55744.

Northland Remer GOTV parking lot rally, before school at Northland Remer High School, 316 Main St. E., Remer, MN 56672.

Red Lake after school parking lot rally, at the Red Lake School Complex.

For a full list of events scheduled for Monday, Nov. 2, go to www.edmnvotes.org/events.

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