

## Education Minnesota

# Voters picked Biden and Harris because they want results on COVID-19, support for public schools

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*ST. PAUL, Minnesota. Nov. 4, 2020* – Minnesotans have overwhelmingly voted for a better response to COVID-19 and a federal government that works for the benefit of all of us by supporting Joe Biden and Kamala Harris for president and vice president, said Education Minnesota President Denise Specht.

“Millions of Minnesotans from every part of the state turned out in record numbers to stand with, and for, each other in this election, despite the pandemic and all the obstacles it created,” Specht said. “Minnesota voters overwhelmingly picked Joe Biden because they trust him to take on the COVID-19 pandemic and tackle all the other challenges facing our nation. Minnesota educators, in particular, are eager to work with a president and vice president who support public education and who will appoint an education secretary with classroom experience. However, right now our focus is on ensuring every vote cast in this election is counted because every vote counts.”

Specht congratulated the hundreds of educators at worksites in every Minnesota community who contributed to a statewide voter turnout that broke records for the total number of early votes cast and will almost certainly result in Minnesota once again leading the nation in voter turnout percentage.

“The basis of our system of government is that we pick our leaders, our leaders do not pick their voters,” Specht said. “While local election officials continue counting ballots today, I want to thank the hundreds of educators in every community in Minnesota who worked in union to organize tens of thousands of their colleagues and parents to vote this year. Politicians can say whatever they want this week, but it’s the will of the voters that decide elections. Thank you, educators, for all your work to protect and expand our democracy this year. Now, let’s come together and make sure every one of those votes is counted.”

Education Minnesota will have additional comments on statehouse races and local referendum votes once more ballots are counted.

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