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Voters choose Joe Biden and Kamala Harris as next president and vice president of the United States

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ST. PAUL, Minnesota, Nov. 7, 2020 – The majority of Americans voted for change in the White House and now it is time to work for a smooth transition of power, Education Minnesota President Denise Specht said on Saturday after Joe Biden and Kamala Harris were declared the winners of the 2020 presidential race.

Specht said educators were excited to work with the new administration.

“Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are people of great strength, compassion and decency,” Specht said. “Educators in Minnesota look forward to working with them to build the movement to reclaim public education as a common good and transform our system into one that is racially and socially just and equitable, ensuring all students have the resources they need to achieve their dreams. And on Day One, we will be standing with our new president as he fulfills his promise to replace Betsy DeVos with someone who has been an educator in our public schools, with a demonstrated history of values aligned with our principles.”

Specht was critical of politicians who seem intent on defying the will of the people and contesting the results of the election in which Biden received more than 4.2 million more votes than Trump.

“Most of us believe that for democracy to work for all of us, it must include us all no matter what we look like or where we live. But now that the will of the voters is clear, President Trump is thinking only of himself by trying to sow doubts about our election, interfere with the count and asking courts to throw out ballots cast by people struggling to make ends meet, Black people and new Americans. Voters in Minnesota and across the country overwhelmingly turned out for Biden and trusted their local election officials to count and verify our ballots. Now it is time to come together across race and place to ensure that the leaders we’ve chosen are sworn in to deal with the pandemic and move us forward together to a better future.”

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