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Education Minnesota endorses Omar, Peterson, Phillips and Feehan

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ST. PAUL, Minnesota. May 7, 2020 – Education Minnesota has endorsed the reelection campaigns of U.S. Reps. Ilhan Omar, Collin Peterson and Dean Phillips. Minnesota’s largest labor union of educators has also endorsed Dan Feehan’s campaign for Congress in southern Minnesota.

Education Minnesota President Denise Specht said of Rep. Omar:

“Rep. Omar is a fearless advocate for the things Minnesota students need to succeed, from universal access to high-quality pre-kindergarten to higher education without crushing education debt. Rep. Omar shares the commitment of Minnesota’s educators to guarantee access to a good public school for every family, no matter where they’re from, what they look like or how they pray. Education Minnesota is proud to endorse her for another term in Congress.”

Specht said of Rep. Peterson:

“The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the inequities the children of Minnesota face, including the lack of access to high-speed internet for students and families in Greater Minnesota. Students in rural Minnesota will be at a disadvantage for as long as there is distance learning and they lack affordable broadband service. Education Minnesota endorses Rep. Peterson because he’s ready to take on the special interests and be a strong voice for the children in Greater Minnesota. We look forward to working with him to make sure every Minnesota child can connect, no exceptions.”

Specht said of Rep. Phillips:

“Education Minnesota is proud to endorse Dean Phillips’ campaign for Congress because he wants the best for Minnesota students, as educators do. Dean knows every child can succeed, but only if they get the supports they need both at home and at school. We look forward to working with him for the next two years to prepare every Minnesota student for a successful life.”

Specht said of Dan Feehan, who is running for Congress in Minnesota’s 1st Congressional District in southern Minnesota:

“Now more than ever, this virus has shown that we are dependent on each other. Whether we’re black or white, Latino or Asian, native or newcomer, we know it’s time to pull together to demand all workers have safe workplaces, where everyone has the equipment they need to do their jobs safely and the security of paid time off if they get sick. We endorse Dan Feehan because he supports

unions of workers and he has pledged to fight for workplaces where everyone receives a fair return for their work and no one is subject to harassment or discrimination.”

The candidates were chosen after interviews with educators in their districts, a review of candidate questionnaires or following reviews of the candidates’ voting records while in office. Local recommendations were approved by the political action committees of the American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association.

About Education Minnesota

Education Minnesota is the voice for professional educators and students. Education Minnesota’s members include teachers and education support professionals in Minnesota’s public school districts, faculty members at Minnesota’s community and technical colleges and University of Minnesota campuses in Duluth and Crookston, retired educators and student teachers. Education Minnesota is affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers, National Education Association and AFL-CIO.

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