Education Minnesota endorses candidates for Legislature

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ST. PAUL, Minnesota. July 1, 2020 – Education Minnesota announced on Wednesday that it has endorsed more than 80 candidates for the state Legislature, including five professional educators.

Educators Matt Bruns (House 21A); Joe Rosh (House 29B); Josiah Hill (Senate 39); Jason Isaacson (Senate 42); and Erin Preese (House 58A) all earned the endorsement of the state's largest labor union of educators.

The full list of more than 80 candidates is below. Education Minnesota will announce additional endorsements in the future. A complete list of endorsed candidates, including candidates for federal office, are listed on the union's website.

House
1A: Connie Lindstrom
2A: Jeremiah Liend
2B: David Suby
3A: Rob Ecklund (Incumbent)
5A: John Persell (Incumbent)
5B: Joe Abeyta
6B: Dave Lislegard (Incumbent)
10A: Dale Menk
10B: Gaylene Spolarich
11A: Mike Sundin (Incumbent)
11B: Jack Frechette
14A: Tamara Calhoun
14B: Dan Wolgamott (Incumbent)
15A: Calvin Schmock
15B: Ron Thiessen
16A: Doria Drost
16B: Mindy Kimmel
17A: Ben Dolan
20A: Erina Prom
20B: Todd Lippert (Incumbent)
21A: Matt Bruns*
21B: Elise Diesslin
23A: Patricia Fahey Bacon
23B: Leroy McClelland
25A: Kim Hicks
25B: Liz Boldon
26B: Randy Brock
29A: Renee Cardarelle
29B: Joe Rosh*
32A: Renae Berg
34A: Brian Raines
34B: Kristin Bahner (Incumbent)
35A: Mike Erickson
35B: Jason Ruffalo
36A: Zack Stephenson (Incumbent)
37A: Erin Koegel (Incumbent)
37B: Amir Malik
39B: Shelly Christensen (Incumbent)
40A: Michael Nelson (Incumbent)
42A: Kelly Moller (Incumbent)
42B: Jamie Becker-Finn (Incumbent)
43B: Leon Lillie (Incumbent)
50A: Michael Howard (Incumbent)
50B: Andrew Carlson (Incumbent)
51A: Sandra Masin (Incumbent)
51B: Liz Reyer
52A: Rick Hansen (Incumbent)
55A: Brad Tabke (Incumbent)
55B: Andrea Nelsen
57A: Robert Bierman (Incumbent)
57B: John Huot (Incumbent)
58A: Erin Preese *
58B: Sara Wolf

**Senate**
1: Reed Perkins
2: Alan Roy
5: Rita Albrecht
7: Jen McEwen
10: Steve Samuelson
11: Michelle Lee
14: Aric Putnam
17: Fernando Alvarado
20: John Olson
21: Ralph Kaehler
22: Shawna Marshall
24: Roger Steinkamp
25: Sara Flick
26: Aleta Borrud
29: Chris Brazelton
32: Joshua Fike
34: Bonnie Westlin
36: John Hoffman (Incumbent)
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