

Education Minnesota

Education Minnesota rallies for safe learning in the fall, presents survey data on preferred mode of instruction

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ST. PAUL, Minnesota. July 22, 2020 – The results of a survey of more than 20,000 Minnesota educators on their preferred method of instruction this fall will be released at a news conference Thursday, which will be followed by a motorized parade of hundreds of educators around the state Capitol.

“No matter what we look like or where we come from, most educators and parents want to get back to in-person education, but only if the whole school community can learn, teach and work in safety during this pandemic,” said Denise Specht, president of Education Minnesota. “Educators see there are enormous challenges and difficult tradeoffs in resuming our students’ education this fall, especially when you consider that the health risks are so different by race and ZIP code in the diverse communities served by our public schools.”

The news conference will include the results of the survey filled out by Minnesota educators earlier this month. The news conference will also include a discussion of the challenges educators could face bringing their school buildings into compliance with federal health guidelines without the additional funding needed to do so.

Who: Education Minnesota President Denise Specht, educators and a member of SEIU Minnesota.

What: Educators present preferences and challenges for safe learning in the fall.

When: 2:30 p.m. Thursday. At the conclusion of the news conference, vehicles lined up at the Education Minnesota offices will proceed to the state Capitol.

Where: Cass Gilbert Memorial Park, 30 Sherburne Ave, St. Paul. The park is a block northwest of the Education Minnesota building and is at the corner of Cedar Street and Sherburne Avenue.

Note: The union asks members of the news media to wear masks and observe appropriate social distancing when attending the news conference and interviewing educators.

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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