

## Education Minnesota

# Educators encourage districts to only reopen school buildings when it's safe to do so

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*ST. PAUL, Minnesota. Aug. 31, 2020* – One week before the traditional return to school, educators will use a virtual news conference on Tuesday to encourage school boards and superintendents to take as much time as they need to reopen school buildings safely.

Many school districts around Minnesota are planning to bring students back into the buildings before significant safety and racial equity issues are resolved. Education Minnesota will present some of the most important issues around staffing, funding, testing policies and centering the needs of families of color.

### Logistics

**When:** 11–11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, a week before the first Tuesday after Labor Day, the traditional first day of school in Minnesota.

**Who:** Education Minnesota President Denise Specht and other Minnesota educators

**Why:** Provide an update on the challenges educators face in safely reopening school buildings and encourage districts to take the time they need to reopen buildings the right way.

**Where:** Zoom: <https://edmn.zoom.us/j/97400472811?pwd=ZkkzclVzeUY0L3hSbGxhOWIFK2JtZz09>  
Meeting ID: 974 0047 2811

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