



## Guide to the 2018 Education Minnesota gubernatorial endorsement

Candidate endorsements are one way for educators to have a collective voice in politics to support our profession and our colleagues, students and communities.

Twenty-five member educators constitute the Education Minnesota Political Action Committee (PAC), democratically representing members from across Minnesota. The PAC makes candidate endorsements for governor and other state offices.

Minnesota will elect a new governor in 2018, and the PAC has invited all declared candidates from both political parties to seek the Education Minnesota gubernatorial endorsement.

As of Nov. 17, nine candidates have indicated that they will pursue the endorsement:

Chris Coleman  
Tina Liebling  
Erin Murphy

Rebecca Otto  
Jenny Rhoades  
Christopher Seymore

Paul Thissen  
Tim Walz  
Jeffrey Wharton

In 2018, the PAC's goals are to elect a pro-public education governor who will protect collective bargaining rights, and to build local member grassroots political power.

PAC members have declared their intention for the endorsement process and campaign to be different from politics as usual, to be strategic, inclusive and relational, participatory and democratic, and transparent. To earn the endorsement, all candidates for governor will be participating in a five-step process, designed to embody these qualities and values.

The five-step process to earn 2018 Education Minnesota gubernatorial endorsement:

- 1) Participate in the public candidate forum at the Education Minnesota Political Conference.
- 2) Spend a full- or half-day shadowing educators at work.
- 3) Engage in a pocketbook and community issues roundtable conversation with educators.
- 4) Complete a candidate questionnaire that will be shared publicly.
- 5) Participate in a screening interview with the Education Minnesota PAC board.

Reports of these activities will be shared on the Education Minnesota website and social media accounts. PAC member names and email addresses are listed on the website.

Members are encouraged to contact their PAC representatives to express their views.

