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Friday Blast

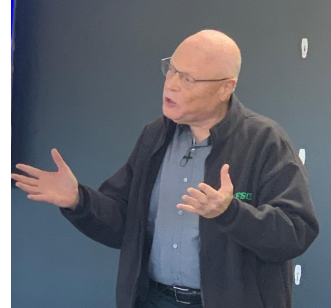
Get Out and Vote Events at AHEM



On Wednesday, 10/19 AHEM along with the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation, welcomed House Speaker Melissa Hortman, Senator Erin Murphy, Brad Lehto, Secretary/Treasurer of MN AFL/CIO and Lee Saunders, President of the 1.6-million-member American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), one of the largest and most politically active unions in the AFL-CIO. Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation provided materials for a door knock on behalf of Education Minnesota's endorsed candidates.



House Speaker Hortman and Senator
Erin Murphy



President Lee Saunders



On Saturday, October 15th we had the opportunity to hear from Keith Ellison, Minnesota Attorney General and Mary Turner, Minnesota Nurses Assoc. The event was held to door knock for our endorsed candidates, Jerry Newton and Zack Stephenson. Pictured are Jinna Collins-Jwacu, Monroe Elem., Val Holthus, AHEM President, Keith Ellison and Aaron Balzer, Brookside Elem. and AHEM Gov. Relations Chairperson.

Turkey Bingo!



NOVEMBER 17

AHEM TURKEY

BINGO

Gobble...gobble...

Come out to Willy McCoy's Champlin on November 17th to join us for Anoka Hennepin EdMN's Turkey Bingo. We will start the first round at 3 p.m. and will break after each, allowing everyone to make it after school. There will be live music, food, and lots of fun! Please scan the QR code to RSVP. Thank You!



**Food, Fun, Music,
and BINGO!!!**
Come join us for a
fun night out!

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Win a Turkey!

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Prize Drawings!

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Bring a friend!

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Live Music!

WILLY MCCOY'S

12450 Business Park Blvd N
Champlin, MN 55316

(763)422-5020

Willymccoys.com

November 17th starts @
3p.m.



**Click flyer to get all the important
voting information!**



TIME TO VOTE!

Click on Underlined Titles for Links to Websites and Videos

Election Resources

EDMNVotes.org provides voter guides, social media tools, GOTV tool kits, and voter information.



EdMNVotes

Elections matter, and educator voices need to be heard at the polls. Get involved!

Where Do I Vote?

Find your polling place!

See where you vote on Election Day!



Find your polling place

See where you vote on Election Day in Minnesota! From the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State

Minnesota Department of Public Safety

EDMN Governor Comparison Videos



10 Minute Overview



Collective Bargaining



Student Mental Health



School Funding



Vouchers and School Choice



Honest and Welcoming Schools (4:49)

Unless otherwise noted, videos are under 2 min.

What is On My Ballot

What's on my ballot?

See your ballot and find out more about the candidates!



Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State

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See your Minnesota ballot and find out more about the candidates! From the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State

Prepared and Paid for by Education Minnesota, 41 Sherburne Ave, St. Paul, MN 55103

Weekly Trivia

Congratulations to the winners of last week's trivia question:

The answer to last week's question was:

The landmark complaint, Weingarten v. DeVos, lays bare the gross mismanagement and out-and-out sabotage

The first three people to get the correct answer will receive a coffee gift card.

How many years has Education Minnesota sponsored the Minnesota State High School League through fall

of the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness program DeVoss and her Department of Education. PSLF is a bipartisan loan forgiveness plan signed into law by President George W. Bush. It enables qualifying public service workers to discharge the balance on their loans after 10 years, potentially saving them tens of thousands of dollars.

d. Weingarten v. DeVos was filed July 11, 2019

Congratulations to last week's winners:

Paul Broberg, Anoka High School
Cara Chudek, Virtual Academy
Leslie Witucki, CBPA

and spring television broadcasts of state tournaments and online and print programs for every MSHSL tournament?

- a. 7
- b. 9
- c. 11
- d. 13

Please email your answer to Valerie.Holthus@EdMN.org



Government Relations

from Aaron Balzer

Staffing in Schools: Kare 11 reported about a week ago in a report on teacher shortages across the nation. A spokesperson for Anoka-Hennepin shared that in early September, there were 52 vacant SPED teacher positions and 76 Paraeducator openings. As of the late Sept. school board meeting, Kate Maguire reported that there were still 80 paras to be hired, 19 SPED teachers, 38 EL ED teachers, and 18 Secondary teachers. Think we're alone? Minneapolis, among many state school districts, is very short on staffing, with 650 positions yet unfilled this school year.

Voting and Union Rights: Members, the Governor's race this fall is critical. When you vote pro-union, you vote to preserve our collective bargaining rights. In Wisconsin, unionized teachers lost \$8,000-12,000 in wages and benefits in 1 year. They also lost...

- workday/hours
- paid and unpaid leave days
- insurance and other benefits

Voting Resources:

- [What you need to know to vote in Minnesota's November election](#)
- [Minnesota 2022 voter's guide: Who's running in the election, where they stand on the issues.](#)
- [MN Secretary of State website-voting info, applying for](#)

- discipline and just cause
- ability to fight a dress code
- rights to collect dues deductions
- automatic annual union membership
- loss of membership (Wisconsin lost over half their membership)

**Door Knocking: Saturday,
October 29th 10:00AM**

- for -

Matt Norris (32B) & Kate Luthner (32)
Teamsters Local 120: 9422 Ulysses
Street NE, Blaine
With AFL-CIO Secretary Treasurer
Fred Redmond

***Together, we are better,
stronger and can get this
done!***

**Phone Banking: October 27th
5PM**

<https://fb.me/e/2V6SJUpf3>

Join union members from across
Minnesota as we speak with union
voters about the 2022 Election! Be
sure to dress up, as we will be
holding a costume contest with
prizes!

Please RSVP on Zoom
at <https://aflcio.mn/october2722>

Matt Norris HD 32B Lit Drop



Earn \$100 to Door Knock for Matt Norris

Sign up with the Link below, then
once finished, contact
valerie.holthus@edmn.org
to submit form for payment

About this event

Come out and help DFL keep the
majority in the House. Door knock
with Matt Norris in HD 32B which
covers Blaine and Lexington.
To find out more about Matt
visit: <https://voteformorris.com/>

Event Details

Saturday, October 29

10am – 12:30pm CDT

Click her to sign

up! <https://www.mobilize.us/minnesotahousedfl/event/526703/>

**How To earn back your union
dues (and more!)**

Open an NEA VISA card, get a \$200 Amazon gift card	\$200
Become an AHEM Member Engagement Coordinator	\$400
Door Knock 1 time, 3 hours for an AHEM endorsed candidate	\$100
Door Knock Again	\$100
Sign up for an NEA Travel Membership, get \$500 travel voucher	\$500
Earn discounts with AT&T, Dell, Identify Theft Protection	\$600+
Financing with Union Plus Mortgage Co., earn a \$500 gift card	\$500
Free Associates Degree for members and their families	\$15,000
Free Bachelor's Degree for members and their families	\$55,000+

Member-Only P.D. Opportunities

The following re-licensure classes will be available this trimester.

All classes will be virtual.

Sign Up is now open!

[November 1, 2022 \(Tuesday\) ~ 4:30-6:30 pm ~ AHEM Key Warning Signs - Mental Health Class](#)

[November 3, 2022 \(Thursday\) ~ 4:30-6:30 pm ~ AHEM Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies Class](#)

[November 10, 2022 \(Thursday\) ~ 4:30-6:30 pm ~ AHEM Reading Instruction Class](#)

[November 15, 2022 \(Tuesday\) ~ 4:30-6:30 ~ Accommodation, Modification and Adaptation of Curriculum, Materials and Instruction](#)

Happy Birthday!!!



October 23 - November 5

Jeffery Newlander
Sara Finstad
Billie Davis-Fehr
Leah Ward
Gabriel Larson
Callie Larson
Andrew Brandt
Katie Liekhus
Elizabeth Brossart
Lisa Kyvig
Curtis Huso
Gretchen Kafer
Brett Chesness
Mackenna Fredericksen
James Bordewick
Rebecca Tunsky
Jami Eilers
Michelle Tornga
Nancy Pearson
Ann Norris
Rebecca Skrypek
Keith Rose
Kelly Hall
Stacy Lindberg
Diane Weniger
Brooke Mastro
Emily Bedsted
Dana Kress-Stone
Judy Lindenfelser
Jennifer Boehlke
Carlee Carney
Andrea Peterson
Tami Manthey
Barbara Peterson

Erin Skaug
Diana Pitzl
Gina Pfeifer
Douglas Swenson
Erik Stone
Heidi Altenburg
Andrea Schoeberl
Christopher Jamnick
Ann Gliddon
Nicole Ruid
Tina St. Martin
Wade Johnson
Debora Friedrich
Monica Seul
Colton Vetsch
Amy Knutson
Kari Nick
Emily Prehatney
Deborah Hedrington
Ann Katorosz
Benjamin Kavanagh
Christine Johnson
Catherine Blanchard
Justin Bushard
Andrea Wiehe
Kimberly Simshauser
Thomas Develice
Angela Haffner
Kelsey Grad
Jacquelyn Ward
Tara Koschak
Jeffrey Buerkle
Stacy Griffin
Janelle Elke
Tyler Smith

Diana Armenta
Tamara Janitschke
Carol Whiteford
Stephanie Lunseth
Melissa Reed
Bethaney Costello
Danielle Harris
Tyler Reedy
Deanna Taylor
Sarah Brezinka
Christina Thinesen
Mehan Johnson
Danielle Lucia
Peter Collins
Andrew Skirka
Marie Peters
Bridget Brendel
Emily Isik
Travis Nepsund
Elizabeth Housman
Ericka Ableiter
Peder Engebretson
Christa Potter
Denise Fennick
Kelly Rogge
Joshua Nutter
Kyle Ballou
Carly Hinrichs
William Vitt
Heather Bronder
Suzanne Hughes
Lucas Reidenbach
Deveri Picray
Tamara Johnson
Kelsey Wolle

*If you don't see your name and you should, please email us to let us know!

Coming Up

Absentee Ballots can be requested at any time.

- Big Parade of Little People - Oct 28
- Anoka Halloween Grande Day Parade - Oct 29
- Anoka Grey Ghost 5K - Oct 29
- Halloween - Oct. 31
- When Can I Afford to Retire: November/December:
 - [Click for Flyer](#)
 - [Click for Registration/Dates](#)
- November 6 - Daylight Saving Time Ends
- November 8 - Election Day VOTE
- November 11 - Veteran's Day



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