

## A resolution asking for Senators Klobuchar and Franken to reject Betsy DeVos for U.S. secretary of education

Whereas, President-elect Donald Trump has nominated Betsy DeVos as U.S. secretary of education;

Whereas, the West St. Paul Federation of Teachers believes in high standards for professional educators, Ms. DeVos has no training or experience in education, did not attend public schools, and did not send her children to public schools;

Whereas, the West St. Paul Federation of Teachers believes religious instruction should be left to parents and churches, Ms. DeVos has supported teaching creationism as part of the public school science curriculum;

Whereas, the West St. Paul Federation of Teachers believes in providing a welcoming learning environment for all students, Ms. DeVos has a documented history of opposing equal rights for LGBT people, and could erode the civil rights of all students as secretary;

Whereas, the West St. Paul Federation of Teachers believes public education should be responsive to the public, Ms. DeVos has spent millions of dollars advocating against commonsense regulation of charter schools, and lobbied to send taxpayers' money to unaccountable private schools in the form of vouchers;

Be it RESOLVED, the Executive Board of the West St. Paul Federation of Teachers on January 9, 2017 calls on U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar and U.S. Senator Al Franken to the reject the nomination of Betsy DeVos for U.S. secretary of education.

Respectfully,

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On behalf of the 400 educators of the West St. Paul Federation of Teachers.