

# Wisconsin Education Association Council, National Education Association: Recommend Mandela Barnes for U.S. Senate

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Mandela Barnes has earned the recommendation of the educator-members of the Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC) and National Education Association (NEA).

“Mandela Barnes is the best U.S. Senate candidate for Wisconsin public education and students,” said Peggy Wirtz-Olsen, a Wisconsin teacher and WEAC President. “He has demonstrated his ability to be a strong leader including during his time as Lieutenant Governor, earning the recommendation of our union of educators. He is in touch with Wisconsin values, including hard work, perseverance and the importance of a good education. He will bring a common-sense approach to the U.S. Senate with his plans to help families, including universal pre-K, investments in school nutrition and free technical education.”

NEA President Becky Pringle said educators and parents know that Barnes will be a champion for Wisconsin’s students and working families. “He understands how critical it is to ensure that every student — Black and white, native and newcomer, Latino and Asian, rural, suburban, and urban alike — has access to quality public schools,” Pringle said. “Mandela Barnes has a proven record of partnering with parents and educators to ensure all students — no matter their ZIP code or

background — have the freedom and opportunity to achieve their dreams. In the Senate, Mandela Barnes will continue helping level the playing field for working families, while getting things done to help students, educators, and families across Wisconsin, which is why the National Education Association is proud to recommend him to be the next senator from the Badger State.”