Worksite Unity Leader Training Part 1: Available NOW through LearnUpon!

Check out Education Minnesota’s new learning management system for members to access online professional development.

Sometimes it feels like the pandemic has upended our day-to-day lives. Issues that existed before the coronavirus may seem distant; but the truth is that now, more than ever, it is essential for educators in Minnesota to raise their collective voice to ensure students, schools and public education do not get forgotten at the Legislature. All of us—Black or white, Latinx or Asian, Indigenous or newcomer—want our children to have the best education possible. The pandemic has exacerbated the problems preventing the best education possible from being attainable for us all. But together, we can make decisions and elect candidates that help give us the opportunity to change that.

How can educators connect and build power during this time of uncertainty, distance learning and social distancing? What can educators say in response to friends, family and community members who push back on fully funding our schools amidst the pandemic? Why is now the time to push for the wealthiest 1 percent to pay their fair share?

The Worksite Unity Leader Training Part 1, hosted online via LearnUpon, is for Education Minnesota members who want to make the jump from being an involved member in their local to taking the lead as a worksite unity leader (WUL). These leaders will inform, organize and empower their coworkers and fellow union members to build unity around electing pro-public education candidates in the 2020 election and fight for fully funding schools in the 2021 legislative session and beyond. The training will provide clarity and answers relating to ideas such as harnessing the power of the union, what we need to win fully-funded public schools in Minnesota and what role each educator plays in ensuring schools have what they need.

Part 2 of the training will also be available on LearnUpon later this summer.

To register for the Worksite Unity Leader Training Part 1, which takes place on LearnUpon at any time, please visit www.edmnvotes.org/campaign-trainings.

What is LearnUpon?

• LearnUpon is an online learning management system that is free for Education Minnesota members. Members can access our catalog of professional development, earn CEU credits for relicensure and build union understanding and power.

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How do I login to LearnUpon?

• On July 1, every active Education Minnesota member received an email inviting them to access the LearnUpon platform. The creation of your account has been taken care of on Education Minnesota's end. If you did not receive this email, please check your junk/spam folders. If you still need the invite, please contact learnupon@edmn.org for help. The platform may be accessed at www.educationminnesota.learnupon.com.

How do I sign up for the Worksite Unity Leader Training Part 1?

• After logging into LearnUpon, scroll to the middle of the page and select "Browse the catalog" to find courses. Once you find the course called "Worksite Unity Leader Training Part 1," enroll in that course. Because the training can take place at any time, you can fit the training into your schedule when it works for you.

Where can I find more information about the campaign for full funding?

• Find resources about fully funding education, electing pro-public education candidates and much more at www.edmnvotes.org.