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Minnesota State University Faculty Endorse Tim Walz for Governor

The Board of Directors of the Inter Faculty Organization (IFO) voted unanimously to endorse fellow educator and Congressman Tim Walz (DFL-Mankato) to be the next governor of Minnesota. The IFO is the first union to endorse Rep. Walz's campaign for governor.

IFO President Jim Grabowska said, "State university faculty endorsed Tim Walz because he has spent a career in the classroom and uniquely understands the challenges facing students and faculty. Tim will make accessible, affordable, and high-quality higher education a top priority as governor."

Rep. Walz shared his vision with IFO leaders on Thursday, September 28, and made clear that as governor he will champion the full funding of Minnesota State college and university campuses to meet the state's commitment to access and affordability. Tim will also advance policies to eliminate barriers to higher education, close the achievement gap, and provide resources for all students to succeed. He will support policies to enhance public workers' retirement security and the right of unions to bargain collectively.

Grabowska added, "Tim is dedicated to helping working Minnesotans. His vision, experience, and leadership are what we need in St. Paul. Tim is a tested leader who, as a teacher and a Congressman, has fought for issues important to IFO members and our communities."

State university faculty will work hard to make Tim Walz the next governor of Minnesota.

The Inter Faculty Organization (IFO) is a union that takes professional responsibility for excellent, accessible, and inclusive public higher education in Minnesota and beyond. The IFO represents the interests, welfare, and aspirations of all faculty of the seven state universities of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system through collective bargaining, contract enforcement, and advocacy. For more information about the IFO please visit www.ifo.org.

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