

## Wisconsin Educators Endorse Russ Feingold

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### ***AFT and WEAC Throw Support to Russ's Bid for U.S. Senate.***

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MIDDLETON – Today top Wisconsin educators endorsed **Russ Feingold** for U.S. Senate. Citing Russ's commitment to high-quality public education, strong support for Wisconsin's teachers, and commitment to working and middle class families, the American Federation of Teachers - Wisconsin (AFT) and Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC) threw their support behind Russ's senate bid.



"WEAC supports Russ Feingold because of his high respect for public education and working families," said WEAC President Betsy Kippers. "He stated that he owes everything he is to public school teachers, public education and that educators should be honored, not attacked. He told us 'I am running to fight for the rights of working people and educators.' We stand behind Russ Feingold on behalf of our students, families and communities," said Kippers.

"Russ shares our commitment to high-quality public education from pre-kindergarten through college and our serious concern about America's student loan debt crisis," said AFT-Wisconsin President Kim Kohlhaas. "My fellow AFT-Wisconsin members could not be happier to support Russ Feingold in this crucial election."

Over the last two weeks, Russ has crisscrossed the state of Wisconsin to meet and hear from students and communities about the crippling impact of the student debt crisis. Since announcing his candidacy, Russ has traveled to all 72 of Wisconsin's counties.