

Johnson Was A Representative For Group Encouraging DEI Programs, Allowing Men In Women's Sports, And Calling Pronouns A Health Issue. Johnson Is Endorsed By Groups That Support Sex Change Surgeries For Children.

Johnson Was The Faculty Representative For Education Minnesota, The State's Teachers Union Which Backed Policies Keeping DEI Focused Programs, Allowing Transgender Students To Participate In Sports, And Claiming Correct Pronouns Are A Health Issue

Johnson Was The Faculty Representative For Education Minnesota, The State's Teachers Union. "While he's a political neophyte, Johnson has had plenty of experience with organizing, long serving as the faculty representative of his school for Education Minnesota, the state's teachers union." (Ana Radelat, "In a tough election year for House Republicans, Brad Finstad faces a serious challenge," [MinnPost](#), 2/26/26)

- **During The 2023-2024 School Year, Johnson Was The Government Relations Representative On The Rochester Education Association's Executive Board.** (2023-2024 Faculty Representative Handbook, [Rochester Education Association](#), Accessed 10/1/26)

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Education Minnesota Said They Were Proud To Endorse Johnson. "Education Minnesota has endorsed the campaigns of Jake Johnson, a member of the union, and U.S. Reps. Betty McCollum and Ilhan Omar in the first round of 2026 federal endorsements from Minnesota's largest labor union. ... 'Jake Johnson doesn't just talk about the challenges educators face — he lives them every day in his Rochester classroom,' said Monica Byron, president of Education Minnesota. 'As a math teacher and proud Education Minnesota member, Jake knows firsthand what's at stake for students and school workers. We're proud to endorse an educator for Congress.'" (Press Release, "Education Minnesota endorses Johnson, McCollum and Omar for Congress," [Education Minnesota](#), 2/25/26)

Education Minnesota Encouraged A Policy That Would Allow Transgender Students To Participate In High School Sports. "Guidelines for handling student-athletes are not normally a big controversy for the Minnesota State High School League. But setting guidelines for how to handle transgender students who want to join high school teams has supporters and opponents up in arms. A meeting Wednesday afternoon before a vote Thursday aims to answer the lingering questions. This proposed policy has received fire from both sides. The Child Protection League published an advertisement in the Star Tribune stating, 'Your 14-year-old daughter just lost her position on an all-girl team to a male and now she has to shower with him. Are you willing to let that happen?' Meanwhile, Education Minnesota has urged the league all along to vote as soon as possible so that transgender students can participate in high school sports." ("H.S. League To Workshop Transgender Athlete Guidelines Before Vote," [CBS News](#), 12/3/14)

Education Minnesota President Monica Byron Said Minnesota Teachers Would Fight To Keep DEI Focused Programs. "Monica Byron will be MEA's first president of color at a time when the president of the United States, Donald Trump, is warning of funding cuts unless all DEI programs are banned. Byron says Minnesota teachers will fight to keep DEI-focused programs. 'Right now, we have support at the local level and the state level to continue to make sure that when it comes to inclusion and it comes to those types of programs that we will have support,' says Byron." (Esme Murphy and Liz Christy, "Education uncertainty for new leader of the Minnesota teachers union," [CBS News](#), 5/1/25)

After A Local School Board Proposed A Policy To Prohibit "Political Indoctrination" And "Teaching Inherently Divisive Concepts," Education Minnesota Claimed The

Pledge Of Allegiance Would Require Prejudice In Favor Of The U.S. “The proposal by three Becker school board members prohibits ‘political indoctrination or the teaching of inherently divisive concepts,’ in the district’s schools. Policy opponents say the district is trying to stifle free speech, suppress LGBTQ students and advocates, and prohibit the accurate teaching of history and other subjects. And a few groups are threatening to sue the district if the policy is implemented, the Star Tribune reported. ... ‘It is, frankly, hard to know where to begin in unpacking the problems with this general policy statement,’ said Meg Luger-Nikolai, attorney with the statewide teachers union Education Minnesota, who noted the prohibition of personal bias could make the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance subject to discipline because it requires showing prejudice in favor of the U.S. and its flag.” (“MN school district policy bans teaching ‘divisive concepts,’” [Associated Press](#), 8/8/22)

Education Minnesota Expressed Support For The NEA’s Guide To Pronouns. (Education Minnesota, [Facebook](#), 12/26/22)



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- **The NEA Argued Using A Person’s Preferred Pronouns Is “Critical To The Health” Of Transgender And Gender Diverse People.** “According to NEA’s guide to pronouns, social interactions where a person is addressed by the name and pronouns that are consistent with their gender identity are critical to the health and well-being of transgender and gender-diverse people. Addressing someone by the wrong name or misgendering them, by using incorrect pronouns, can feel disrespectful, harmful, and even threatening to a gender-diverse person. Misgendering results in marginalization and communicates that a person’s identity is not seen as important.” (“Why Pronouns Matter,” [NEA Today](#), 10/5/22)

Johnson Has Been Endorsed By Planned Parenthood Action Fund Supports “Gender Affirming Care” For Children, Including Puberty Blockers And Hormone Therapy

Jake Johnson Has Been Endorsed By Planned Parenthood Action Fund. “Planned Parenthood Action Fund is proud to endorse the below candidates for U.S. Congress: ... Jake Johnson, MN-01” (“Endorsements,” [Planned Parenthood Action Fund](#), Accessed 10/1/26)

Planned Parenthood Action Fund Supports “Gender-Affirming Care,” Including Puberty Blockers, Hormone Therapy, And “Gender-Affirming Surgeries.” “Gender-affirming care is health care. We’re talking about a range of care. That includes puberty blockers, hormone therapy, gender-affirming surgery, social and legal transition aid, support groups, and more.

For many trans and nonbinary people, this is essential health care.” (Prachi, “Gender Affirming Care Is Essential, Life-Saving Care,” [Planned Parenthood Action Fund](#), 11/28/23)

Planned Parenthood Action Fund Supports “Gender-Affirming Care” For Trans And Nonbinary Youth. “Gender-affirming care IS life-saving. Trans and nonbinary people deserve to live full, healthy lives. Yet, politicians across the country are hellbent on banning access to gender-affirming care, particularly for young people. Gender-affirming care is under attack. Roughly 500 anti-LGBTQ+ bills have already been introduced in 2023. 22 states have enacted laws that ban care for trans and nonbinary youth.” (Prachi, “Gender Affirming Care Is Essential, Life-Saving Care,” [Planned Parenthood Action Fund](#), 11/28/23)

Planned Parenthood Action Fund Claimed That “Gender-Affirming Care Is Health Care.” (Planned Parenthood Action, [Twitter](#), 4/15/23)



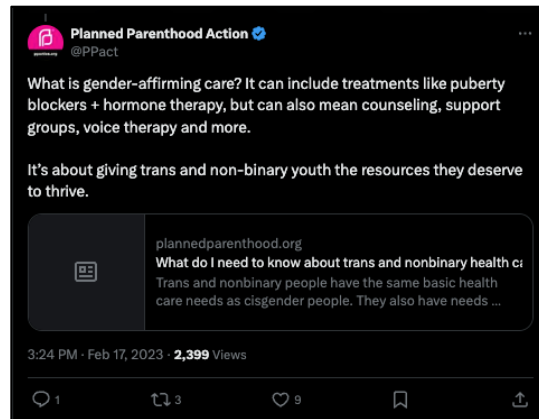
(Planned Parenthood Action, [Twitter](#), 4/15/23)

Planned Parenthood Action Fund Supports “Gender-Affirming Care” For Kids. “Banning abortion isn't the only way Texas is controlling people's access to health care. Politicians in the state are also targeting safe, legal, gender-affirming health care for trans kids.” (Planned Parenthood Action, [Twitter](#), 4/21/22)



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Planned Parenthood Action Fund Supports Puberty Blockers And Hormone Therapy For Trans And Non-Binary Youth. “What is gender-affirming care? It can include treatments like puberty blockers + hormone therapy, but can also mean counseling, support groups, voice therapy and more. It’s about giving trans and non-binary youth the resources they deserve to thrive.” (Planned Parenthood Action, [Twitter](#), 2/17/23)



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Reproductive Freedom For All Supports “Gender-Affirming Care.” “We are fighting back against extremists who want to control our bodies, our lives, and our futures. We organize and mobilize to hold politicians accountable. We advocate for our right to abortion, contraception, gender-affirming care, paid family leave and so much more. We fight for reproductive freedom for everybody.” (“It’s Time To Act,” [Reproductive Freedom For All](#), Accessed: 4/4/24)

In March 2022, Reproductive Freedom For All Demanded “Gender-Affirming Care” For Trans Youth. (Reproductive Freedom For All, [Twitter](#), 3/15/22)



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In March 2021, Reproductive Freedom For All Opposed Banning “Gender-Affirming Care” For Children, Claiming It Was Cruel. “Banning gender-affirming healthcare for trans children is beyond cruel. Kids need support to access the care they need, not anti-trans policies that further marginalize them. Gender-affirming care is life-saving care—and all kids deserve that care.” (Reproductive Freedom For All, [Twitter](#), 3/31/21)



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(Reproductive Freedom For All, [Twitter](https://twitter.com/reproforall), 3/31/21)