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## Stand for Children Illinois PAC Endorses 21 General Assembly Candidates in 2020 General Election

**Chicago and Springfield –** Stand for Children Illinois PAC, a bi-partisan state political action committee, announced today its list of endorsed candidates for State House and Senate races for the 2020 General Election.

"This year has shown us, more clearly than ever before, the impact of government action and inaction at all levels. The education champions we support for election in November will be tasked with steering Illinois through these challenging times. They also must look to the future as we work to fully fund education in our state and dismantle the systemic barriers holding back too many students. These diverse and solutions-oriented leaders have the courage to create a world-class public education system that ensures all children, regardless of where they live in Illinois, have access to a quality education. We need leaders like these in Springfield, and that's why the Stand for Children Illinois PAC supports them for election to the General Assembly," said Mimi Rodman, Chairperson of the PAC.

For the 2020 General Election, Stand for Children Illinois PAC endorses the following candidates for the General Assembly:

For State Senate

Sen. Robert Martwick (D-10) Rep. Karina Villa (D-25) Sen. Melinda Bush (D-31) Sen. Steve Stadelman (D-34) Rep. John Connor (D-43) Sen. David Koehler (D-46) Meg Loughran Cappel (D-49) For State House of Representatives

Rep. Lindsey LaPointe (D-19)
Janet Yang Rohr (D-41)
Rep. Diane Pappas (D-45)
Rep. Mary Edly-Allen (D-51)

Rep. Michelle Mussman (D-56)

Rep. Joyce Mason (D-61)

Brian Sager (D-63)

Suzanne Ness (D-66) Rep. Maurice West (D-67)

Rep. Tony McCombie (R-71)

Rep. Barbara Hernandez (D-83)

Rep. Avery Bourne (R-95) Rep. Mark Batinick (R-97)

Rep. Katie Stuart (D-112)

Stand for Children Illinois PAC's endorsement process for General Assembly races includes a questionnaire, interviews by Stand staff and members, and assessment of candidate viability. The 2020 General Questionnaire covered policy issues and the candidate's views on dismantling systemic racism and improving the culture in Springfield. If the candidate has held elected office before, the PAC looks at their voting record and demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with their colleagues. Only candidates in contested races are eligible for endorsement consideration.

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