

Education Minnesota Voter Information: House District 14B

Dear educator,

Those elected this November will make decisions that directly impact your students, pocketbook, profession and union. Because of this, we wanted to provide some information on where the candidates for Minnesota House in your district stand on the issues educators have said they care about the most.

A candidate's position is sometimes more complicated than a "yes" or "no" answer. We have done our best to represent each candidate in a fair and reasonable way. Unless noted otherwise, the statements were taken from Education Minnesota's candidate questionnaire.

For educators seeking more specific information on their local candidate's positions on Education Minnesota's top priorities of pay, pensions and health care, the questionnaires are available at www.edmnvotes.org.

Would you continue to fund and support Minnesota's public education system and its students?	
<p>Dan Wolgamott Wolgamott believes in fully funding our schools, expanding free and voluntary pre-K to every Minnesota child, providing proper funding to ensure small class sizes and fully funding special education.</p>	<p>Sue Ek Ek believes there's been too much investment in education because "we don't need more money to teach the basics." <small>¹ St. Cloud Times, 2005</small></p>
How would you strengthen Minnesota's education system?	
<p>Dan Wolgamott Wolgamott voted "YES" to "Appropriate \$23 billion for the state education budget through 2027!" <small>² Vote Smart, 4/20/23</small></p>	<p>Sue Ek Ek will make it her legislative priority to pull money from Minnesota's public education system and redirect it to private schools through vouchers." Ek said: "We can no longer allow liberal teacher unions and activist instructors to control our students' education." <small>³ Sue Ek Campaign Website.</small></p>
What will you do to help recruit and retain high-quality educators in our classrooms, including pension reform?	
<p>Dan Wolgamott Authored a pension reform bill that allows teachers to retire with full benefits when they reach age 62 or when they have accrued 35 years of service. <small>⁴ revisor.mn.gov/bills</small></p>	<p>Sue Ek A careful review of Ek's campaign website, social media, and public statements has revealed no public support for improving educators' pensions, raising pay, or making their health insurance more affordable.</p>