

Education Minnesota Voter Information: House District 18A

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.

Fully funded schools require adequate and stable revenues. Will you oppose tax cuts and carve-outs that lower tax collections or narrow the tax base?	
Jeff Brand Yes	Erica Schwartz "The last two years of single-party Democrat control have been tough on Minnesota families. Inflation is still way too high; our taxes are continuing to rise with no end in sight." <small>¹ KEYC, 3/6/24</small>
How will you support unions as a state legislator?	
Jeff Brand "I have always considered unions to be a democracy within a democracy. To that extent - the power is within the collective of teachers in their ability to know what will make their job easier or better able to perform. I will continue to see unions as partners in the Legislature and, as such, have always given priority consideration to their voice in Saint Paul."	Erica Schwartz A review of the candidate's campaign website, social media, and public statements found no evidence of Erica Schwartz taking a position on this issue.
How will you support efforts to lower inequitable penalties in the Teachers Retirement Association to expand retirement options?	
Jeff Brand "I support a system that is equitable and would be happy to be part of a larger effort to make serious reforms in the coming sessions."	Erica Schwartz A review of the candidate's campaign website, social media, and public statements found no evidence of Erica Schwartz taking a position on this issue.