

Education Minnesota Voter Information: House District 37B

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.

Will you support unions as a state legislator?	
<p>Kristin Bahner "I have a proven track record of supporting unions and labor."</p>	<p>John Bristol Criticized Education Minnesota for campaign expenditures vs. Minnesota Parents Alliance candidates.¹</p> <p style="text-align: right;">¹ X, 11/8/23</p>
Do you support the Universal Free Lunches program?	
<p>Kristin Bahner Voted in favor of HF5, the legislation that appropriated money to provide free school lunch and breakfast for all students.</p>	<p>John Bristol Criticized HF5, saying, "Perhaps all the teachers and staff could get subsidized lunches too (hint: free = tax subsidized) just by repurposing all the untouched food being discarded by the students at taxpayer expense."²</p> <p style="text-align: right;">² 3/13/24</p>
Do you oppose state tax credits for private K-12 education tuition and expenses?	
<p>Kristin Bahner Yes.</p>	<p>John Bristol He has expressed his support for private school voucher programs, which divert taxpayer dollars out of the public school system.³</p> <p style="text-align: right;">³ 4/22/22</p>
What will you do to help recruit and retain high-quality educators in our classrooms?	
<p>Kristin Bahner Vows to fight to fund our public schools fully, support increased discretionary funding for K-12 schools to add teacher aides and other support professionals, and help pass legislation to allow college students to renegotiate the interest rates of their existing loans.</p>	<p>John Bristol A careful review of Bristol's campaign website, social media, and public statements has revealed no plan to recruit and retain high-quality educators.</p>