

# Education Minnesota Voter Information: House District 41B

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](http://www.edmnvotes.org).

<b>Do you oppose state tax credits for private K-12 education tuition and expenses?</b>	
<b>Jen Fox</b> Yes	<b>Tom Dippel</b> When asked if he supports school vouchers, Dippel said, "Yes," with a comment stating, "Parents need options to remove their children from what is quickly becoming socialist, communist, marxist indoctrination camps. This is why we home school." <sup>1</sup> <small><sup>1</sup> MN Family Council Voter Guide, 9/23/22</small>
<b>Most educators believe students should have access to a wide range of age-appropriate books that include relatable characters and situations that reflect the diversity of Minnesota families. However, certain politicians and big money groups are trying to remove books from school libraries across America, particularly books with LGBTQ+ characters or those that deal with racism in America. How should Minnesota protect its students' freedom to read?</b>	
<b>Jen Fox</b> Jen Fox believes it is important to include books with characters of all backgrounds "in critical curriculum in Minnesota at every level."	<b>Tom Dippel</b> Tom Dippel opposes students' freedom to read and believes including diverse backgrounds in school curriculums is "twisting and dementing" the minds of Minnesota's children. <sup>2</sup> <small><sup>2</sup> Bella Deangelo Show, 7/21/22</small>
<b>What have you done to become informed about issues related to public education? What organizations and individuals do you go to for information?</b>	
<b>Jen Fox</b> "I watch our school board meetings, discuss and debate issues with teachers in my life and work closely with our community education organization."	<b>Tom Dippel</b> Pulled his own children out of public school and praised the victories of three Minnesota Parents Alliance candidates who won seats on the Hastings School Board. <sup>3</sup> <small><sup>3</sup> MNYRU United Podcast, 3/20/2024 &amp; [Minnesota Reformer, 11/8/23]</small>
<b>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?</b>	
<b>Jen Fox</b> Yes.	<b>Tom Dippel</b> Believes that public schools are not underfunded. When the state had a budget surplus, Dippel said it should be converted into tax relief rather than go to "well-funded programs like education." <sup>4</sup> <small><sup>4</sup> East Metro Voter Guide, screen capture of 2/25/24</small>