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Pension Updates



Be a voter for candidates who will prioritize pensions!

There's no time to waste and it can't be any clearer.

In order to defend and improve educator pensions in Minnesota, we must elect leaders who believe in strong pensions, tell those leaders what educators need and get them to take action at the Legislature. The 2022 legislative session was a perfect example of why we need to do this. Several legislators told our members they supported pension improvements and reform, but didn't follow through when it came time to get bills heard in committee.

Use our [online Voter Guide](#) to look up who's endorsed by Education Minnesota on your ballot and view their positions on education funding, pensions and other issues. The pension-specific questions on the candidate questionnaires are Nos. 25, 26 and 27.

Some things to consider:

- If a candidate is unwilling to screen with us or fill out the questionnaire, it is difficult to believe they will align with our pension values and support positive changes to funding and benefits.
- If a candidate states they are supportive, this is an opportunity to share and ask about specifics about what they will support.
- If a candidate states they are supportive but need more information, it creates an opportunity for members to share what's important to them and why.

Frequently asked questions

How does the Education Minnesota endorsement process work?

- Candidates from all political parties are invited to participate in a candidate screening in every race.
- Screening teams, comprised of all interested local members and members from across the state, create and review questionnaires. They also have meaningful conversations with candidates about work and home life issues that educators face every day.
- Member screening teams make recommendations to the Political Action Committee (PAC) board for endorsement.
- The PAC board deliberates on legislative candidate recommendations and makes the final decision.

- This is a member-led process to endorse candidates on their positions relating to education and union rights.

Please use this information to help connect the “why” when it comes to voting for certain candidates and share it with your colleagues.

Together we have more power!

Resources

[EdMNVotes](#)

[TRA document on pension basics](#)

[Education Minnesota pensions webpage](#)

As we share information throughout this campaign, we will add to those resources to our website and share links for you to use.

If you have any questions, please email Negotiations Specialist [Adam Janiak](#).

