

# Education Minnesota Voter Information: House District 11A

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).

<p><b>Do you believe in fully and equitably funding public education, from preschool to postsecondary institutions, with several billion dollars in new education investments?</b></p>	
<p><b>Pete Radosevich</b> Will fight to prioritize Minnesota's public school teachers and other integral education professionals while opposing efforts to divert taxpayer dollars via vouchers to unaccountable private schools.</p>	<p><b>Jeff Dotseth</b> Voted against the historic state education budget and the bill that financed state funding for free college tuition and automatic admission.<sup>1</sup></p> <p><small><sup>1</sup> Vote Smart, 4/20/2023 &amp; Vote Smart, 5/9/23</small></p>
<p><b>Will you reverse Minnesota's perpetual underfunding of education by significantly increasing the per-pupil funding formula?</b></p>	
<p><b>Pete Radosevich</b> Yes</p>	<p><b>Jeff Dotseth</b> Voted against the 2023 bill that appropriated \$23 billion for the state education budget through 2027 and makes historic investments in the future of Minnesota's children.<sup>2</sup></p> <p><small><sup>2</sup> Vote Smart, 4/20/23</small></p>
<p><b>Guaranteeing universal school meals at no cost to Minnesota parents.</b></p>	
<p><b>Pete Radosevich</b> Supports free breakfast and lunch for students no matter where they live or how much money their parents make.</p>	<p><b>Jeff Dotseth</b> Attempted to prevent universal, no-cost-to-parents school meals statewide by voting no on HF5.<sup>3</sup></p> <p><small><sup>3</sup> <a href="https://legiscan.com/MN/bill/HF5/2023">legiscan.com/MN/bill/HF5/2023</a></small></p>
<p><b>How will you support unions as a state legislator?</b></p>	
<p><b>Pete Radosevich</b> "Collective bargaining is the single most important tool workers have had to equalize the power in decision making. It's made Minnesota great. I support it."</p>	<p><b>Jeff Dotseth</b> Shared criticism of Minnesota's state government for responding to "the priorities of the teachers' union and special interests."<sup>4</sup></p> <p><small><sup>4</sup> FB Post, 10/30/22</small></p>