

Education Minnesota Voter Information: House District 3A

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.

Do you believe in fully and equitably funding public education, from preschool to postsecondary institutions, with several billion dollars in new education investments?	
Harley Droba Promises to reverse years of underfunding Minnesota education. Supports increasing the number of school support staff, including improve access to mental health services for students. Stands with colleges and universities to invest in student infrastructure to provide high-quality, updated education.	Roger Skraba Does not support fully funding public education, as he voted "No" to allocate \$23 billion to education through 2027. He also voted "No" to appropriate funding for teachers, school facilities and general education. ¹ <small>¹ Vote Smart HF 5237, HF 2497</small>
How would you support Minnesota's higher education system?	
Harley Droba Will fight to make college accessible for all by increasing state investment to decrease the burden of tuition. Will ensure high-quality education by supporting investment in technology and student facilities.	Roger Skraba Voted "No" on a bill that would alleviate the financial burden of post-secondary schools. Attempted to stop over \$774 million that would help middle and low-income college students afford college and the creation of an automatic admissions program for qualified students.
What will you do to help recruit and retain high-quality, full-time educators in our classrooms?	
Harley Droba "I believe the recruitment of teachers is the same as that of other professional employees. We need strong rural healthcare, housing opportunities, and competitive pay with benefits."	Roger Skraba A review of the candidate's campaign website, social media, and public statements found no evidence of Rep. Skraba advocating for higher compensation for current educators. However, he voted to lower licensure requirements for substitute teachers. ² <small>² S.F. NO. 3567 - Recorded Roll Call Floor Votes - 2023-2024</small>