

# Education Minnesota Voter Information: House District 3B

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).

How will you support and stand with educators and staff in Minnesota?	
<p><b>Mark Munger</b>            Stands with teachers by providing debt relief, addressing critical infrastructure and resource teaching barriers.            Will fight for fair educator pay and incentivize future educators to enter teaching programs.<sup>1</sup>            Recognizes the valuable role of support staff and will fight for fair wages.  <small><sup>1</sup> Mark Munger Campaign Website</small></p>	<p><b>Natalie Zeleznikar</b>            Suggested fining teachers for low proficiency rates on standardized tests: "You know, we have education at 30% proficiencies, but we're not fining teachers or fining, you know, districts when they don't meet, you know, 80-90% proficiency rates."<sup>2</sup>            Voted "No" to sending \$730 million to support special education teachers and programs and \$82 million toward English Language Learner programs.<sup>3</sup>            Does not believe paraprofessionals and other hourly staff should be able to receive summer unemployment insurance.<sup>4</sup>  <small><sup>2</sup> PBS North Legislative Report, 4/2/23  <sup>3</sup> Vote Smart HF 2497  <sup>4</sup> PBS North Legislative Report, 4/2/23</small></p>
Do you believe in fully and equitably funding public education, from preschool to postsecondary institutions, with several billion dollars in new education investments?	
<p><b>Mark Munger</b>            Pledges to reduce underfunding of public education in Minnesota. Will hold wealthy corporations and households accountable to pay their fair share towards education.</p>	<p><b>Natalie Zeleznikar</b>            Voted "No" on a bill that would devote \$23 billion towards education. Opposed increasing per-student funding.<sup>5</sup>            Zeleznikar again voted "No" on a bill to appropriate resources to the Minnesota Department of Education instead of providing more money for nutrition, libraries, and school facilities.<sup>6</sup>  <small><sup>5</sup> Vote Smart HF 2497  <sup>6</sup> Vote Smart HF 5237</small></p>
How will you support and stand with the students of Minnesota?	
<p><b>Mark Munger</b>            Understands the burden of tuition and will work to reduce the price of college. Will increase mental health resources for all students. Believes all students, regardless of who they are, deserve equal access and the freedom to feel safe and welcomed in the classroom.</p>	<p><b>Natalie Zeleznikar</b>            Voted "No" on a bill to work towards free tuition and automatic admissions.<sup>7</sup>            Opposed increasing the privacy and safety of students by voting "No" for student media protections. Did not resist the censorship of student voices.<sup>8</sup>            Voted "No" on a bill to provide free school lunch to all students and families in need.<sup>9</sup>  <small><sup>7</sup> Vote Smart HF 2073  <sup>8</sup> Vote Smart SF 3567  <sup>9</sup> Vote Smart HF 5</small></p>