



RESULTS: EDUCATION SURVEY OF 2008 MINNESOTA LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

The three professional educational leadership associations, MASA, MASSP and MESPA joined in a partnership, to conduct a survey of Minnesota political candidates for the State Legislature and US Congress. The questions in the survey correspond to our legislative platforms. Those candidates who answered “Yes” to every question are designated as “highly rated education candidates” and are listed on the three websites of our respective associations. Not all candidates responded to the survey. The questions follow, along with the responses of the political candidates, as a resource for you and your staffs both before and after the November 4th election.

Question #1

Would you support raising enough state revenues to provide public schools a fair inflationary funding increase each year?

Question #2

Do you support public funding for all day, every-day kindergarten and early childhood programs?

Question #3

Do you support state-funded advanced training for school administrators?

Question #4

To meet the requirements of No Child Left Behind (NCLB), using an additional assessment metric, would you support the implementation of a growth model to measure achievement progress of individual students and schools?

Question #5

Do you support efforts to ensure that all school districts can participate in QComp?

Question #6

Would you be willing to address legislation that provides a fair pension benefit to licensed school employees who began employment after 1989?

Listed below are the responses of candidates by their District number.

50B	Knuth	Kate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
51B	Tillberry	Tom	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
52B	Christopher	Kate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6. Not the Rule of 90
55A	Lillie	Leon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
55B	Slawik	Nora	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
57A	Bigham	Karla	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
57B	VanVleet	Rodney	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
59A	Loeffler	Diane	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		6. If we can do so in a manner that doesn't jeopardize overall funding for all
59A	Montez	Felix	No	No	No	No	No	No	
60B	Martin	Adam	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	
61B	Hakeem	Farheen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
63	Kelasti	Ken	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			5. Need more information 6. I support fair pensions. I need more information on cost and number of people it effects
63B	Slocum	Linda	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1. And have voted to do this 2. And have voted to do this 4. I chief authored the value added growth Legislation
US Senater	Franken	Al	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	
US House	McCollum	Betty	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	