

Education

Uniform System of Public Schools. The stability of a republican form of government depending mainly upon the intelligence of the people, it is the duty of the legislature to establish a general and uniform system of public schools. The legislature shall make such provisions by taxation or otherwise as will secure a thorough and efficient system of public schools throughout the state.

Minnesota Constitution, Article 13, Section 1

A key issue of importance to the people of our district and to all of Minnesota is the education of our children. Investing in the education of our children is one of the best investments we can make for the future of our state. Parents have an obligation and a right to be a part of the education process and should be able to choose the right school for their child. Our children should not be trapped in a failing school.

It will be vital to elect a Republican governor and Republican legislators to provide meaningful reforms to our education system to prepare our children for the 21st century. We can no longer afford legislators who put Education Minnesota, the public teachers union, ahead of the education and safety of our children.

If elected, Mike will work for the following solutions to reform and modernize our education system:

- Reform the education funding formula so rural schools receive fair funding.
- Ensure teacher proficiency.
- Expand on-line learning opportunities.
- Offer alternative pathways into teaching.
- Put students first, not unions or special interest groups.
- Improve academic performance.
- Defend home schooling from government intrusion.
- Ensure tax-dollars are spent in the classroom.
- Empower parents in the education process.
- Improve graduation rates.
- Ensure a safe environment to learn.