



Who are MTI VOTERS?

MTI-Voters is the political action committee of Madison Teachers Inc. which seeks to identify candidates most likely to advance policies supported by the members of MTI, policies that support MMSD staff and students, and advance the quality of public education in the Madison Metropolitan School District.

The Political Action Committee is known as MTI VOTERS. The Committee consists of the President of MTI or their designee and the Treasurer of MTI, the President or their designee of each of MTI's affiliates, including MTI-Retired, an Educational Support Professionals (ESP-MTI) member selected by the ESP-MTI group, and eight (8) members elected by the MTI General Membership. This member-compromised committee coordinates MTI's political endorsement process and advances recommended candidates to the thousands of MTI members who vote to formally endorse candidates based on those recommendations.

Completed candidate questionnaires will be posted on the MTI website for members and the public to read. Visit madisonteachers.org/elections/ for more updates

Important Dates and Information

Wednesday, September 23, 2026	Please deliver your responses to MTI via email at mjohnson@madisonteachers.org
Wednesday, September 30, 2026	In Person Candidate Interview 8:30 PM at MTI Headquarters, Media Room, 33 Nob Hill Road, Madison, WI 53713

Contact Mone't Johnson mjohnson@madisonteachers.org with questions or scheduling concerns.



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2026 Fall Election Questionnaire

1. Why are you running for elected office?

I am running for re-election as State Treasurer because I want to continue delivering results for Wisconsinites. My record of Common School Fund growth and increased annual distribution to school districts is something I'm proud to run on. I have spent much of my adult life in public service. My first job out of college was as a substitute teacher in Racine Unified. I'm an attorney and I've also served as a housing authority commissioner, run a local parks department, and worked in our state capitol as a legislative aide. As State Treasurer, I am able to use my skills and experiences to deliver more funding for schools.

2. If elected, what are the three priority policies you will work to advance?

My priorities include protecting the Common School Fund, increasing disbursement to school districts from the Common School Fund, and seeking new income streams for the Common School Fund. Much of my time over the last session has been focused on protecting the fund, which requires working with the legislature, advocating and explaining why the fund is important to schools.

3. What are your three most important education issues?

As State Treasurer, my role in education is limited to funding public school districts. The main focus of my time in office has been to grow the Common School Fund and therefore increase the amount of money that is distributed annually to school districts by the fund.

4. How does your role relate to public school funding and what changes, if any, would you make to how public schools are funded?

My office relates to school funding through the distributions of the Common School Fund, which provides direct annual support for all public school districts. The Fund is valued at over \$1.6 billion and the most recent distribution to districts was \$73.5 million. Over my term, the distributions have totaled over \$250 million and have increased every year I've been in office.

What I want to see in the future is a consistent commitment by the state to invest in the Common School Fund. With proper investments and funding, there is no reason why the Fund cannot grow much larger. Since the Fund is not controlled by the legislature, it would not be subject to budget fights every two years and would allow districts to have reliable funding year after year. Of course, this will take many years, if not decades, to match state aid, but the sooner we begin making the investments into the Fund, the better.

5. Would you oppose any efforts for the state to take over public school districts or school board?

Yes, I would oppose any state takeover, because public schools should be governed by the local community.

6. If applicable, will you support legislation to restore full collective bargaining rights to all municipal workers?

The State Treasurer's powers and duties don't interact with that function of state government. Weighing in on issues that don't pertain to the office is counterproductive because it diminishes the credibility of the office holder and distracts from the core mission of the office, which is supporting the Common School Fund.

7. Do you accept funds from political action committees?

Yes.

Candidate Name: John Leiber

Date: 9/23/2026