



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 8:15 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?

Throughout my career in public service—as a school board, county board, and village board member, as well as a nonprofit leader—I’ve learned the importance of managing public dollars responsibly and the importance of holding spending accountable. I believe the State Treasurer’s office must be held to that same standard and I have the experience necessary to do so. My nonprofit work has connected me with Wisconsinites across the state, not just in my own community, who are struggling with the affordability crisis, and the Treasurer’s office has a platform to partner statewide on housing, healthcare, child care, and so much more. As the son of Hmong refugees who fled to Wisconsin to flee persecution, I know that with this freedom comes responsibility. To me, that is the responsibility to give back to our state and build a better future.

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

As State Treasurer, I’ll prioritize protecting and growing Wisconsin’s \$1.6 billion Common School Fund through transparent and investment strategies that deliver strong returns for schools. I will also expand access to low-interest Trust Fund Loans so small towns and rural communities can afford to invest in critical infrastructure like roads, fire stations, and school repayers without overburdening Wisconsin taxpayers. I will also ensure transparency in how public funds are managed while working to return millions in unclaimed property still owed to Wisconsin families.

3. What are your three most important education issues?

My top education priorities that I will address through the role of State Treasurer begin with growing the \$1.6 billion Common School Fund through strong, transparent investment strategies that provide long-term stability for schools, drawing on my own experience as a former DC Everest School Board Vice President. It is also a priority to ensure small and rural school districts can access low-interest Trust Fund Loans for essential repairs and infrastructure without overburdening local taxpayers. I will also work to expand financial literacy education statewide so students and families build the skills necessary for life-long economic security, building on my work as a member of Governor Evers' Financial Literacy Council.

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

The State Treasurer's office has direct oversight of the school trust funds, alongside the Attorney General and Secretary of State, and that gives this office a critical role in funding our state's public schools. Right now, I don't think those funds are being deployed as effectively or efficiently as they could be. I'd work to change that so smaller school districts and municipalities—particularly in rural areas and the Northwoods that too often get overlooked—have real, practical access to apply for funding for major capital needs, like building repairs, upgrades, and infrastructure such as roads. Having managed many real budgets as a nonprofit executive and served on a school board, I understand both the accountability side and the reality of what districts need, and I want to bring that same level of scrutiny and care to how these trust funds are managed and distributed.

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

Yes. As a former DC Everest School Board Vice President, Clerk, and Treasurer—I understand firsthand the importance of local leadership making decisions for themselves. Wisconsinites in their own communities statewide must have the ability to elect people who understand their schools and communities best, then hold them accountable at the ballot box.

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

Yes, full stop. Act 10 removed the main tool public employees had for keeping their wages, benefits, and working conditions fair. From teachers, to first responders, to municipal staff, our communities depend on these workers; I believe restoring collective bargaining is the right thing to do for the people who keep our communities running.

7. Do you accept funds from political action committees? Yes.

Candidate Name:

Yee Leng Xiong

Date: 9/18/26