

Semifinalists for 2026 Minnesota Teacher of the Year are listed alphabetically by last name below, including the district and school:

**Rajaa Ali**, Rochester Public Schools, Robert Gage Elementary School

**Brittany Bancroft**, Hopkins Public Schools, Meadowbrook Elementary

**Devon Bowker**, St. Cloud Area School District, Apollo High School

**Jessica Brent**, Eden Prairie Schools, Eden Prairie High School and Eden Prairie Online

**Sophia Butler**, Minneapolis Public Schools, South High School

**Cruz Conejo Cervantes**, Hopkins Public Schools, Hopkins North Middle School

**Jennifer Danielson**, Roseville Area Schools, Roseville Area High School

**David Davis**, St. Louis Park Public School District, Park Spanish Immersion Elementary

**Shannon Dodson**, West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan Area Schools, Somerset Elementary School

**Eric Erickson**, Saint Paul Public Schools, Como Park Senior High School

**Michael Herdan**, Osseo Area Schools, Maple Grove Middle School

**Paige Janorschke**, St. Cloud Area School District, Lincoln Elementary School

**Alli Kildahl**, Saint Paul Public Schools, Battle Creek Middle School

**Lauren Koller**, Eden Prairie Schools, Central Middle School

**Jim Lane**, Mahtomedi Public Schools, Mahtomedi High School

**Scott Lauinger**, Roseville Area Schools, Roseville Area Middle School

**Hilary Moorlach**, Lakeville Public School District, Cherry View Elementary

**Amy Phung**, Hopkins Public Schools, Meadowbrook Elementary

**Isaiah Pritzl**, Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan District, Eagan High School

**Ricardo Rivera**, Bloomington Public Schools, Kennedy Senior High School

**Bryon Rogers**, Chisago Lakes School District, Chisago Lakes High School

**Thomas Rosengren**, Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City School District, Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City 5-12 Secondary School

**Autumn Schacht**, Hopkins Public Schools, Glen Lake Elementary

**Karl Schroeder**, Hopkins Public Schools, Hopkins High School

**Colleen Tentis**, Kasson-Mantorville Schools, Kasson-Mantorville Elementary School

**Sher Unruh-Friesen**, Hopkins Public Schools, Glen Lake Elementary

**Maria Villavicencio**, Eden Prairie Schools, Eden Lake Elementary School

**Hannah Walker**, Minneapolis Public Schools, Andersen United Community School

**Josh Weckman**, Roseau Community School District, Roseau High School

**Jinnea Zenzen**, Grand Rapids Area Schools, Grand Rapids Senior High School