Tim’s Record on Education as a Member of Congress

- **Lifetime “A” grade from the NEA** for his work in advancing public education.
- **Author of the Forever GI Bill**, largest expansion to veterans’ education benefits in a decade, became law in 2017.
- **Author of Post-9/11 GI Bill**, expanded educational benefits for military veterans and restored benefits for those affected by recent closures of for-profit colleges.
- **Original cosponsor of the Mental Health in Schools Act** which is aimed at bringing better support for mental health professionals and increasing counselors in schools.
- **Voted against the “DC Opportunity Scholarship Program,”** a voucher program that 89% of DC residents had rejected in a referendum the previous year.
- **Voted in favor of the 21st Century Green Public Schools Act**, which invested $40 billion into modernizing public schools.
- **Co-sponsored the Student Loan Affordability Act**, which extended subsidized federal student loan rates.
- **Voted in favor of an additional $10.2 billion of investment in public education** as a part of the overall Department of Education budget.
- **Two thumbs up from Americans for the Arts**, scoring in part based on Congressional support for arts in schools and ensuring equitable access for students.
- **Co-sponsored the IDEA Full Funding Act.** This act would ensure that Congress pays its full share for educating students with disabilities.
- **2008 National Geographic Education Foundation Geography Legislator of the Year** for his sponsorship and support of the Teaching Geography is Fundamental Act.
- **Co-sponsored the Student Loan Relief Act of 2013**, which was written to freeze loans at 3.4% interest. Rates were set to double to 6.8%.

Tim’s Life as an Educator

- **Taught Global Geography at Mankato West High School** from 1996 until his election to Congress in 2006.
- **One of a small number of American high school teachers** to teach in China.
- **Won several awards for his work in the classroom**, including the 2002 Minnesota Ethics in Education award, the 2003 Mankato Teacher of the Year award, and the 2003 Minnesota Teacher of Excellence award.
- **Started and ran Educational Travel Adventures**, a company dedicated to conducting educational trips to China for high school students.