



School Administrators Alliance

Representing the interests of Wisconsin school children

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Governor Jim Doyle
Office of the Governor
115 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Doyle:

On behalf of the School Administrators Alliance (SAA) and the more than 3,000 school administrators we represent throughout the state, I would like to thank you for the investments in public education you proposed in your State Budget Address on Tuesday evening. We are so pleased that providing outstanding educational opportunities for the children of Wisconsin remains your top priority.

We greatly appreciate your continued commitment to fund two-thirds of the cost of educating every student in Wisconsin. Not only does two-thirds state funding represent a significant investment in our children, it also helps provide real property tax relief and ease the historic tension between property tax payers and our local schools.

We are also very pleased that your budget proposal recognizes the difficulty local school officials face in dealing with the effects of declining enrollment, school security concerns and the rising costs of school transportation, special education and bilingual/bicultural programming.

We recognize that your budget proposal will face tough scrutiny by the legislature over the next 5-6 months. But today, we are especially grateful that you have demonstrated your firm understanding that the state's future economic and civic vitality depends upon our willingness to invest in quality public schools.

Thank you again for your leadership and your continued support of Wisconsin schools and Wisconsin school children. Wisconsin school administrators look forward to working with you as the budget moves forward.

Sincerely,

John D. Forester
Director of Government Relations

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