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Evers statement on Read to Lead Task Force plan

MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers issued a statement on the Read to Lead Task Force report and plan announced at a press conference today in Greendale by Gov. Scott Walker. Dr. Evers was vice chair of the task force.

“Working together to achieve consensus on how to improve reading achievement in our schools is vital for our students. Recommendations from the Governor’s Read to Lead Task Force center on improving reading by

- Improving teacher preparation and professional development;
- Providing regular screening, assessment, and intervention;
- Ensuring early literacy instruction is part of early childhood programs;
- Holding districts, schools, principals, and teachers accountable for reading achievement; and
- Strengthening support for parental involvement in reading and early literacy programs.

“Reading is a foundational skill that all students must have to graduate prepared for success in college and career. Our reforms support students, parents, and educators with a statewide focus on instruction to improve reading achievement.”

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NOTE: Read Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction’s reading resource portal and community of practice is available at www.readwisconsin.net. This statement is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpinr2012_05.pdf.