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Dear Wisconsin School Administrator:

We are pleased to announce the second Wisconsin school administrator exchange program with Heilongjiang, Wisconsin's sister state in China. The goals of this program are to create partnerships between schools in the two states and increase international learning experiences for our students. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI), the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators (WASDA), and the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators (AWSA) are partnering with the China Exchange Initiative to bring this exciting opportunity to you. Twelve participants will be selected from the pool of applicants based on your responses to the questions and consideration of balanced representation.

Wisconsin has had a working partnership with Heilongjiang for many years, predominantly in the areas of commerce and agriculture. The growing interest in international education and the addition of Chinese language instruction in our schools strongly suggest that the Department of Public Instruction and educational organizations should build strong partnerships with schools in Heilongjiang to benefit our students.

The first round of this program was hugely successful. As in 2009-10, selected participants will get to know their Chinese colleagues by welcoming them to Wisconsin to visit their homes and schools in the fall of 2011 and traveling to Heilongjiang in April 2012 for a reciprocal experience with home stays and school visits. These personal and professional contacts will form a strong basis of mutual understanding and the creation of ongoing student learning opportunities.

Please consider applying for this program for the experience of a lifetime and for the benefit of your students and teachers. Application materials and an informational flyer can be found at [dpi.wi.gov/cal/intertled.html](http://dpi.wi.gov/cal/intertled.html). The completed application is due by March 18, 2011 (postmark). Contact Gerhard Fischer, DPI International and World Language Education Consultant, at 608-267-9265 or [gerhard.fischer@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:gerhard.fischer@dpi.wi.gov) with all questions and comments regarding this program.

Sincerely,



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