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Superintendent Evers,

I am writing this letter to express my support for Wisconsin's application for the New Skills for Youth grant. Wisconsin is committed to ensuring every student is prepared for careers and postsecondary training after high school. The New Skills for Youth Grant by the Council of Chief State School Officers in partnership with the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium and the Education Strategy Group will provide Wisconsin with new opportunities to continue improving education and improve outcomes for our state's students.

Wisconsin has made reforms to ensure every child graduates college and career ready. We passed a law requiring all students in 6-12th grade have access to Academic and Career Planning services by the 2017-18 school year. We allocated funding to Career and Technical Education Incentive grants, that provide funding to districts for every student graduating from high school with an industry recognized certificate in labor market shortage areas. These are just a few of the changes we've already made to lead the way toward success for our students.

Growing our economy, developing our workforce, and transforming education are priorities for Wisconsin. I support Wisconsin's application because the New Skills for Youth Grant aligns with these goals and will help prepare Wisconsin's youth for the future. If you require any further information from my office, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Scott Walker
Governor