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Evers statement on independent charter school expansion

MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers issued the following statement on action by the Joint Committee on Finance on the 2015-17 education budget that would expand the authority to open independent “2R” charter schools across the state.

“On Friday night, the Legislature’s Committee on Joint Finance (JFC) expanded independent “2R” charter schools potentially impacting 177 public school districts. Once again in this biennial budget process, a major education policy change that impacts funding for thousands of public school students and their local property taxpayers was inserted into the state budget without a single public hearing.

“The JFC weakened local control of public education and expanded independent “2R” charter schools beyond Milwaukee and Racine where they are authorized by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and University of Wisconsin-Parkside with approval by the Board of Regents and the City of Milwaukee Common Council. The JFC’s party line vote hands power and authority to a bevy of individuals and groups — including a new unelected, unaccountable employee of the University of Wisconsin System President, an unelected technical college board, two other colleges, and the Waukesha County Executive — that will impact local school funding and property taxes.

“Currently, our elected school board members have made Wisconsin a national leader in strong locally authorized charter schools that add innovative options for their students, avoid many of the fiscal scandals that have occurred in other states, and are accountable to local property taxpayers. Now any individual or for-profit and nonprofit groups will operate independent “2R” charter schools open to children from any school district without local oversight.

“We must seriously reinvest financially, embrace our historic value in local public education, and end this continued ideological drive aimed at eroding Wisconsin’s strong public schools. I call on our leaders to prioritize our 870,000 public school students, their families, and our state’s common good.”

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NOTE: A list of school districts potentially impacted by independent “2R” charter school expansion follows. This statement is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2015_60.pdf.

Potential Impact of 2R Changes in Motion #521

Authorized by the UW-System Office of Educational Opportunity*

Authority is granted to create schools in districts with enrollment greater than 25,000

Madison	Milwaukee
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Authorized by the Waukesha County Executive**

Authority is granted to create schools within Waukesha County only

Arrowhead UHS	Lake Country	New Berlin	Richmond
Elmbrook	Menomonee Falls	Norris	Stone Bank
Hamilton	Merton Community	North Lake	Swallow
Hartland-Lakeside J3	Mukwonago	Oconomowoc Area	Waukesha
Kettle Moraine	Muskego-Norway	Pewaukee	

Authorized by the College of the Menominee Nation

Authority is granted to create schools in the home county and all adjacent counties

<i>In Menominee County</i>	<i>In Langlade County</i>	<i>In Oconto County</i>	<i>In Shawano County</i>
Menominee Indian	Antigo	Gillett	Bonduel
	Elcho	Lena	Bowler
	White Lake	Oconto	Gresham
		Oconto Falls	Shawano
		Suring	Tigerton
			Wittenberg-Birnamwood

Authorized by the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College

Authority is granted to create schools in the home county and all adjacent counties

<i>In Sawyer County</i>	<i>In Bayfield County</i>	<i>In Ashland County</i>	<i>In Rusk County</i>	<i>In Price County</i>	<i>In Washburn County</i>
Hayward	Bayfield	Ashland	Bruce	Chequamegon	Birchwood
Winter	Drummond	Butternut	Flambeau	Phillips	Northwood
	South Shore	Mellen	Ladysmith	Prentice	Shell Lake
	Washburn				Spooner

Authorized by the Gateway Technical College District Board

Authority is granted to create schools in home counties and all adjacent counties

<i>In Kenosha County</i>	<i>In Racine County</i>	<i>In Walworth County</i>	<i>In Walworth County Continued</i>
Brighton #1	Burlington Area	Big Foot UHS	Linn J4
Bristol #1	Dover #1	Delavan-Darien	Linn J6
Central/Westosha UHS	North Cape	East Troy Community	Sharon J11
Kenosha	Norway J7	Elkhorn Area	Walworth J1
Paris J1	Racine	Fontana J8	Whitewater
Randall J1	Raymond #14	Geneva J4	Williams Bay
Salem	Union Grove J1	Genoa City J2	
Silver Lake J1	Union Grove UHS	Lake Geneva J1	
Trevor-Wilmot Cons.	Washington-Caldwell	Lake Geneva-Genoa UHS	
Twin Lakes #4	Waterford Graded		
Wheatland J1	Waterford UHS		
Wilmot UHS	Yorkville J2		

<i>In Milwaukee County</i>	<i>In Waukesha County</i>	<i>In Jefferson County</i>	<i>In Rock County</i>
Brown Deer	Arrowhead UHS	Fort Atkinson	Beloit
Cudahy	Elmbrook	Jefferson	Beloit Turner
Fox Point J2	Hamilton	Johnson Creek	Clinton Community
Franklin Public	Hartland-Lakeside J3	Lake Mills Area	Edgerton
Glendale-River Hills	Kettle Moraine	Palmyra-Eagle Area	Evansville Community
Greendale	Lake Country	Waterloo	Janesville
Greenfield	Menomonee Falls	Watertown	Milton
Maple Dale-Indian Hill	Merton Community		Parkview
Milwaukee	Mukwonago		
Nicolet UHS	Muskego-Norway		
Oak Creek-Franklin	New Berlin		
Saint Francis	Norris		
Shorewood	North Lake		
South Milwaukee	Oconomowoc Area		
Wauwatosa	Pewaukee		
West Allis	Richmond		
Whitefish Bay	Stone Bank		
Whitnall	Swallow		
	Waukesha		

*NOTE: New independent “2R” charter schools are only authorized to *operate* in the bounds of the Madison Metropolitan (MMSD) and Milwaukee Public (MPS) School Districts. They can accept students from *any* school district. This list includes districts with students located in Dane, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Washington, and Waukesha counties, or those currently sending students to MMSD through the open enrollment program.

Albany	Rio Community	Greenfield	Port Washington-Saukville
Baraboo	Sauk Prairie	Hamilton	Racine
Belleville	Stoughton Area	Hartford J1	Raymond #14
Cambria-Friesland	Sun Prairie Area	Hartford UHS	Richfield J1
Cambridge	Verona Area	Hartland-Lakeside J3	Richmond
Columbus	Waterloo	Kettle Moraine	Saint Francis
Deerfield Community	Waunakee Community	Kewaskum	Shorewood
Deforest Area	Wisconsin Dells	Lake Country	Slinger
Edgerton	Wisconsin Heights	Maple Dale-Indian Hills	South Milwaukee
Evansville Community	Arrowhead UHS	Menomonee Falls	Stone Bank
Fort Atkinson	Brown Deer	Mequon-Thiensville	Swallow
Hartford J1	Burlington Area	Merton Community	Union Grove J1
Iowa-Grant	Cedarburg	Mukwonago	Union Grove UHS
Lodi	Cudahy	Muskego-Norway	Washington-Caldwell
Marshall	Dover #1	New Berlin	Waterford Graded
McFarland	Elmbrook	Nicolet	Waterford UHS
Middleton-Cross Plains	Erin	Norris	Waukesha
Monona Grove	Fox Point J2	North Cape	Wauwatosa
Montello	Franklin Public	North Lake	West Allis-West Milwaukee
Mount Horeb Area	Friess Lake	Northern-Ozaukee	West Bend
New Glarus	Germantown	Norway J7	Whitefish Bay
Oregon	Glendale River-Hills	Oak Creek-Franklin Joint	Whitnall
Portage Community	Grafton	Oconomowoc Area	Yorkville J2
Poynette	Greendale	Pewaukee	

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Beaver Dam Unified	Germantown	Maple Dale-Indian Hills	Union Grove J1
Big Foot UHS	Glendale River-Hills	Mayville	Union Grove UHS
Brown Deer	Greendale	Milwaukee	Walworth J1
Burlington Area	Greenfield	Neosha J3	Washington-Caldwell
Cudahy	Hartford J1	Nicolet	Waterford Graded
Delavan-Darien	Hartford UHS	North Cape	Waterford UHS
Dodgeland	Herman #22	Norway J7	Waterloo
Dover #1	Horicon	Oak Creek-Franklin Joint	Watertown
East Troy Community	Hustisford	Palmyra-Eagle Area	Wauwatosa
Elkhorn Area	Jefferson	Racine	West Allis-West Milwaukee
Erin	Johnson Creek	Raymond #14	West Bend
Fontana J8	Kewaskum	Richfield J1	Whitefish Bay
Fort Atkinson	Lake Geneva J1	Rubicon J6	Whitewater
Fox Point J2	Lake Geneva-Genoa UHS	Saint Francis	Whitnall
Franklin Public	Lake Mills Area	Sharon J11	Williams Bay
Friess Lake	Linn J4	Shorewood	Yorkville J2
Geneva J4	Linn J6	Slinger	
Genoa City J2	Lomira	South Milwaukee	