

# Editorial: Everyone must get behind 'No Child' process

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The decision by the [Obama administration](#) last week to allow states to get waivers from the No Child Left Behind law is a step forward in improving the education system in Wisconsin.

No Child, while good in concept, was weak in execution.

The law, passed in 2004, required states to show adequate yearly progress in student performance in math and science and have every student rated "proficient" in these areas by

2014. But the law lacked both [funding](#) assistance and flexibility and dropped many schools and even whole school districts into the failure category, even though test scores were improving.

For Wisconsin to get a waiver from No Child it will have to not only test student ability in core curriculum areas, but also develop a plan on how it will improve proficiency in students who have fallen behind.

Anticipating that the Obama administration would allow states to come

up with alternative programs along the same lines as No Child, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers and Gov. Scott Walker announced earlier this year they would jointly work on just such an effort.

The Obama administration isn't giving anyone a free pass on meeting higher educational standards as some have charged. What the president and Education Secretary Arne Duncan are doing is giving individual states greater flexibility in reaching higher education results.

It's no secret that Evers and Walker are on opposite sides of the political spectrum, but they are willing to work together to come up with an accountability system to make Wisconsin's schools better.

Though still in the developmental stage, the program the two leaders are working on will better gauge student performance and progress and will hold teachers more accountable as well.

Under their plan, every school that gets any kind of state

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funding assistance – charter, virtual and voucher – will be required, for the first time, to meet the same proficiency standards.

Also, schools that accept students who come in at low testing levels would be rewarded for student improvement, not punished because test scores were low.

And, test scores and student performance could be factored into teacher compensation and retention.

In short, Wisconsin's education accountability program will give [parents](#) a clearer look at the performance of the teachers and the schools their students are attending.

The Wisconsin Education Association, the organization that represents teachers around the state, hasn't signed on and has said it has questions about the plan.

Fine; there are still a lot of questions and issues that need attention.

But the teachers' union cannot sit on the sidelines and lob salvos at those who want to change how students are taught. The union must be a willing participant in the planning process and should join the governor and state school superintendent in moving Wisconsin forward.

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