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Dear School District Administrator:

It is time for the Annual Fall In-Service for Agricultural Education Teachers, and seven in-services are being held throughout the state during October and November. This professional development opportunity is sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators, Cooperative Educational Service Agencies, and Wisconsin Technical Colleges.

As you review the enclosed brochure, you will see the in-service topics are both visionary and innovative. We are excited to provide professional development with the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource Standards resource project, the DPI Updates which include educator effectiveness and dual credit options, new work-based education options, and Agenda 2017 with special focus on how Agricultural Education can contribute.

Curriculum and instruction will be discussed and presented by local agriculture teachers in "best practice" forums. This presentation concept is a continuation of the training teachers received at their professional development conference this summer in Madison. In addition, department initiatives focusing on agriculture/science equivalency credit, and career clusters and pathways within the scope of Wisconsin's agricultural education programs will be reviewed.

Each in-service begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes by 3:30 p.m. There is no registration fee. Please share the enclosed brochure with your agriculture teacher/s and encourage their attendance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Tony Evers, PhD
State Superintendent

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