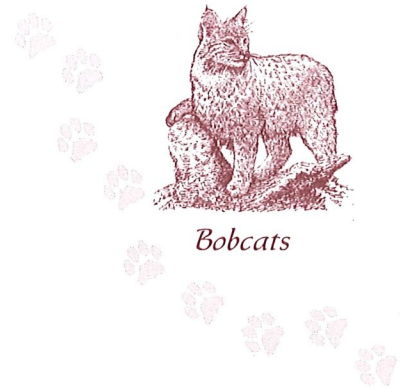


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March 23, 2022

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Attn: Michelle Jones
125 S. Webster Street
Madison, WI 53703

RE: 2021-2022 WISEstaff Data Errata

This data errata letter to the DPI is to explain why the Birchwood School District reported zero virtual teachers for the Bobcat Virtual Academy (BVA) for the current WISEstaff Final Certification Report.

The Birchwood School District has always contracted their virtual teachers and curriculum for the BVA through the third party, K12 Learning Solutions formerly known as FuelEducation. In the years past, we have not been required to report these virtual teachers. On this year's report we were given a warning stating there were no teachers reported for the Bobcat Virtual Academy. We replied with a comment explaining that the Birchwood School District uses a third party to contract our virtual teachers for BVA and that we do not pay these teachers through our payroll or provide them with W-2's.

The Birchwood School District was notified on March 21st, 2022 from DPI that we are actually responsible for reporting the contracted staff. At that time, we immediately reached out to the vendor we contract, K12 Learning Solutions, to provide us with the information needed to report the virtual teachers. However, we did not hear back from K12 Learning Solutions in time to submit the virtual teacher's information in the WISEstaff Final Certification Report before the deadline on March 22nd, 2022. We are aware that we will need to provide the BVA teachers contracted through K12 Learning Solutions information in the future.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 715-354-7917 or curup@birchwood.k12.wi.us. Thank you for your assistance in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Casey Rurup".

Casey Rurup
HR Coordinator

