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Great support for Common Core State Standards at legislative hearings

MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers released the following statement about the support for the Common Core State Standards at legislative hearings held in this month in Madison, Fond du Lac, and Eau Claire.

“I am grateful to everyone who has spoken up in support of Wisconsin’s Common Core State Standards at legislative hearings held in Madison, Fond du Lac, and Eau Claire. Hundreds of people have shown their support by attending the hearings and registering or testifying in support of the Common Core. Many more have sent letters and emails of support directly to the committee members.

“This support is coming from a vast array of individuals, from different walks of life. They are united in their belief that the Common Core standards are right for Wisconsin. This bi-partisan support comes from students, parents, teachers, school administrators, locally elected school board members, content area experts, business leaders, colleges and universities, educational professional organizations, and many more.

“This local Wisconsin support is reflected nationally, with 45 other states and U.S. territories adopting the Common Core. We are joined by the U.S. military, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Business Roundtable, the Business Higher Education Forum, the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, and Republican and Democratic governors from across the nation, to name a few, all supportive of the college and career ready standards provided through the Common Core.

“The Common Core State Standards are the foundation of the work done in schools over the past several years to improve education in Wisconsin. This effort has not been done in isolation, and we cannot afford to pull the rug out from under all this important work. Based on what we have been seeing at these hearings, the people of Wisconsin agree.

“There is another hearing scheduled on October 30 in Wausau, providing the public with another opportunity to show their support of the Common Core in Wisconsin. The Common Core are a vast improvement over our old standards, and I ask everyone to read all the Common Core standards to better understand what they are, and what they are not. They are clear, concise, and internationally benchmarked expectations of what students should know and be able to do. They are a key component in our efforts to ensure that every child graduates well prepared for college and career.”

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