



School Administrators Alliance

Representing the Interests of Wisconsin School Children

Mr. Jonas Zuckerman
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Dear Mr. Zuckerman:

I am writing in support of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's Ed Flex program application. As the Executive Director of the Wisconsin School Administrators Alliance (SAA), I represent more than 4,600 school administrators throughout Wisconsin including school superintendents, business officials, principals and associate principals, personnel directors and special education directors.

It is our understanding that the Ed Flex program will afford potential benefits to schools and school districts if they encounter barriers in ESSA. The Ed Flex program will allow for DPI to grant waivers to school districts that meet certain application requirements, potentially giving these districts a greater opportunity to meet the needs of all students. As we understand it, this program is fairly broad and does not restrict the types of waivers a school district can request. USDE staff has indicated this is intentional, as the purpose of this flexibility is to support local innovations. We believe this flexibility will enable DPI to be more responsive to local needs.

Thank you for your consideration of our views. If you should have any questions regarding our thoughts on the Department's Ed Flex application, please call me at 608-242-1370.

Sincerely,

John D. Forester
Executive Director