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# Professional Standards Council History and Purpose

## Professional Standards Council History

In 1997, Wisconsin Act 298 was passed by the state legislature and signed by the governor which created the statutory Professional Standards Council (PSC) to assist and advise the state superintendent in improving teacher preparation, licensure and regulation. Wis. Stat. 15.377(8). Specific information regarding the framework of the Professional Standards Council can be found at Wis. Admin Code PI 34.108.

## The Purpose of the Professional Standards Council

The council was established with the primary focus on classroom teaching. The purpose of the council, acting in an advisory capacity, is to ensure the quality of the profession of teaching by recommending to the state superintendent a set of standards regarding licensure and evaluation of teachers, evaluation and approval of teacher education programs, the status of teaching in Wisconsin, school board practices to develop effective teaching, and peer mentoring programs. The original legislative act that created the council provides a statutory mechanism to review, propose, or revise teacher preparation policies. Any policy recommendations or proposals made by the council are advisory only and subject to approval by the State Superintendent. Statutory responsibilities also require an annual report to the appropriate standing legislative committees on the activities and effectiveness of the council.

# Professional Standards Council Members 2018-19

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# Synopsis of Professional Standards Council Activities 2018-19

## September 28, 2018 Meeting Highlights

- PSC Members reviewed information on budget bill, Act 59, and discussed the specific changes that will take place because of this act. The Members were also provided information on the emergency rule that is currently in effect.
- A requirement of Act 59 is that Administrative Code PI 34 be repealed and recreated, PSC members looked at the expected permanent rule changes.
- Members examined results of the Educator Survey the Council commissioned. The survey was sent out to over 100,000 educators and about 10% provided responses. PSC members determined which issues the Council should be taking into consideration.

## April 12, 2019 Meeting Highlights

- PSC Members reviewed and discussed the revision of PI 34 Administrative Rules, focusing on changes that had been made based off of the comments from the PSC and public hearings.
- A report was shared with the PSC Members regarding the Supply and Demand which had been put together by the Wisconsin Center for Education Research (WCER). The Council reviewed the data to determine if there is additional data they need to help make policy decisions to the State Superintendent.
- The PSC members determined that they would like to focus next on how to attract new educators to the field and retain current educators.