



# State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Elizabeth Burmaster, State Superintendent

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## State Superintendent's Advisory Council on Rural Schools, Libraries, and Communities

Webcast Meeting  
Thursday, January 15, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

### AGENDA and NOTES

Meeting is archived and can be viewed at  
<http://www.dpi.wi.gov/rural/webcast.2009.01.15.html>

**9:00 a.m. Welcome**  
*Tony Evers, Deputy State Superintendent*

Tony Evers, Deputy State Superintendent, opened the meeting by providing guidance regarding the use of Media Site and an overview of the agenda.

**9:05 a.m. Opening Remarks**  
*Elizabeth Burmaster, State Superintendent*

Elizabeth Burmaster, State Superintendent, welcomed the council and thanked them for their openness to the Media Site format. She highlighted the seven themes in her budget, focusing on the proposals related to the Rural Wisconsin Initiative and Libraries. She closed her remarks with thanks to the council for the great support they have provided during her eight years as state superintendent.

**9:20 a.m. Community Reports**  
*Kris Adams Wendt*  
*Dave Polashek*  
*Barbara Blackdeer-Mackenzie*  
*Rick Rolfsmeyer*  
*Sharon Stewart*  
*Scott Schultz/Dee Beasley*

State Superintendent Burmaster introduced the new council members. Community reports were provided by the above individuals with each highlighting an issues and/or programs that are

receiving attention. State Superintendent Burmaster thanked the council members for their reports.

**9:45 a.m. Westfield Biodiesel Production Program**  
*Roger Schmidt, District Administrator, Westfield School District*  
*Scott Petersen, Transportation Director, Westfield School District*  
*Paul Zuelke, Agriculture Education Teacher, Westfield School District*

State Superintendent Burmaster opened this segment by recalling the efforts underway by the council and through her initiatives to support science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) emphasizing rigor and relevance. She then provided a brief overview of the biodiesel program in the Westfield School District. Council members viewed a video explaining the program and then directed questions to the Westfield presenters.

**10:10 a.m. Conclusion and Phelps Centennial Mural Project Video**  
*Submitted by Chris Meier, Phelps School District*

State Superintendent Burmaster reminded council members to mark their calendars for the “Standing Up for Rural Schools, Libraries, and Communities” award ceremony to be held March 23<sup>rd</sup> in the State Capitol at noon and the next meeting of the Rural Advisory Council on May 1. Tony asked the council members to complete an evaluation of the webcast format. The meeting closed with the Phelps Centennial Mural Project video.