

## News Release

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### Milwaukee Parental Choice Program rules hearing is Feb. 17

MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will conduct a hearing on Feb. 17 in Milwaukee to accept public testimony on proposed rules to repeal and recreate administrative code relating to the parental choice program for students residing in the city of Milwaukee.

The hearing will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Messmer Catholic Schools Auditorium, 742 West Capitol Drive, Milwaukee. For those who cannot attend the hearing, written comments sent to the department will be given the same consideration as public testimony.

The proposed permanent rules repeal and recreate Chapter PI 35 so it aligns the DPI's administrative code with changes made in the 2015-17 state budget bill (2015 Wisconsin Act 55) and other statutory changes. Specifically, the proposed rules update administrative code to reflect statutory changes and changes in practice in the implementation and administration of the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.

The hearing site is fully accessible to people with disabilities. Those who cannot attend the public hearing may provide written comments. Send comments on the proposed rules via U.S. mail or e-mail to the addresses below no later than March 3.

A copy of the proposed permanent rules as well as the fiscal estimate are available at <http://dpi.wi.gov/policy-budget/administrative-rules>. Copies of these materials can be requested and written comments submitted by sending an e-mail to [Carl.Bryan@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:Carl.Bryan@dpi.wi.gov) or by writing to Carl Bryan, budget and policy analyst and administrative rules coordinator, DPI, 125 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841.

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