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Evers selected for ESSA Negotiated Rulemaking Committee

MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers has been selected to serve on the committee charged with drafting proposed regulations for two areas of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ESSA replaces No Child Left Behind as the overarching federal law for K-12 education funding and policy.

“The stability and flexibility afforded to states and school districts in ESSA will allow Wisconsin to develop programs that fit the needs of our students and improve student outcomes,” Evers said. “The first step in making the new law a success for our state is engaging our various stakeholders. But we cannot forget that the original Elementary and Secondary Education Act represents a seminal piece of civil rights legislation. As we transition from prescriptive requirements in the old law to the more flexible ESSA-informed environment, we should not lose sight of the legacy and larger goals of federal education law.”

Evers will represent state administrators on the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee for Title I, Part A of the ESSA covering the requirement that federal funds supplement, not supplant, non-federal funds in high-need schools and assessments. In addition to Evers, the committee consists of local school leaders, educators, parents, civil rights groups, and business leaders, selected to represent geographic regions of the nation and constituencies that will be affected by ESSA.

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WHO: State Superintendent Tony Evers

WHAT: Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Meetings for ESSA

WHEN: Session I: March 21-23
Session II: April 6-8
Session III*: April 18-19
**optional at the committee’s discretion*

NOTES: Committee materials, including issue papers and additional information about meetings, can be found on the U.S. Department of Education’s site at <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/index.html>. This media advisory can be found online at http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2016_37.pdf.