Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 22nd, 2025

The Honorable Tony Evers Governor, State of Wisconsin PO Box 7863 Madison, WI 53707

Dear Governor Evers,

It has come to our attention that the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) engaged in a coverup to protect adults who have been accused of criminal behavior towards children. On October 15, 2025, The Capital Times reported that, from 2018 to 2023, there have been more than 200 undisclosed cases of Wisconsin teachers, aides, substitutes, and administrators that were investigated for accused grooming or engaging in sexual misconduct towards students.

According to reports, when the DPI was first informed of this potential misconduct by these educators, the Department devoted few resources into investigation, ultimately failing to properly track, investigate, or share information with the public. Instead, the DPI allowed the accused to simply hand over their teaching license to avoid a full investigation. Additionally, a DPI policy that you have implemented does not require any public documentation that would explain why individual licenses were revoked and/or forfeited. This has allowed these individuals to simply slip away without facing any accountability or serious consequences for their actions.

Now, we are sure you are well aware of these investigations given that the cases all occurred under your leadership. You led the DPI as Wisconsin's Superintendent from 2009 to 2019 and, now as Governor, have had oversight over both the DPI's current Superintendent Jill Underly and DPI operations. Since you and your administration have been unwilling to disclose these investigations in the past, we are now requesting full transparency.

Rather than covering up these allegations, each incident should be thoroughly investigated and, if verified, the public and the student's parents should be informed. We echo many of the same questions that members of Wisconsin State Legislature have asked in a recent letter to Superintendent Jill Underly and request that you and the Superintendent hastily answer the letter in its entirety.²

Our kids deserve safety. Our parents deserve transparency. Wisconsinites deserve answers.

 $^{^{1}\,}https://captimes.com/news/education/200-teacher-sexual-misconduct-grooming-cases-shielded-from-public/article_c2e4834b-ede3-42a1-b610-$

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² https://www.wispolitics.com/2025/sens-jagler-quinn-letter-to-superintendent-underly-regarding-child-abuse-accusations/

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