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**Members of the School Finance Network Testify at Hearing**  
*SFN seeks to improve school funding and meet the needs of Wisconsin schools*

Members of the School Finance Network (SFN) testified today before a legislative committee about flaws in Wisconsin’s school funding laws.

Thursday’s hearing, held by the Assembly Education Committee, focused on the problems associated with the current educational funding formula, as well as on ways in which the funding formula can be amended to more effectively meet the needs of Wisconsin schools.

The SFN is a statewide coalition of educational, religious, and community-oriented organizations, which is committed to improving the funding system for our public schools.

The result of two years of work by a broad coalition of Wisconsin education organizations and stakeholders, the SFN seeks to change the way public schools are funded. The push is a major move in school funding, aiming to increase funding opportunities for all schools and enhance targeted funds for categorical aid.

Members of the SFN who testified during the hearing included representatives from the Wisconsin PTA, the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators, the Wisconsin Education Association Council and the Wisconsin Association of School Boards

Legislators also heard testimony from students, parents, educators, and business leaders from districts all over the state, including Rhinelander, Oconto Falls, Altoona, Pecatonica, and West Allis.

“Wisconsin’s strong tradition of public education is eroding under the current school funding formula,” said Rick Rolfsmeyer, Executive Director of Wisconsin Rural Partners and President of the Pecatonica School Board. “That is why this hearing is so important, and why we appreciate the legislators’ consideration of the SFN plan.”

The SFN is made up of the following groups: AFT–Wisconsin, the Fair Aid Coalition, the School Administrators Alliance, the South-eastern Wisconsin Schools Alliance, the Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools, the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators, the Wisconsin Education Association Council, and the Wisconsin PTA.

More information about the SFN and its plan can be found at [SFNWisconsin.org](http://SFNWisconsin.org).

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- AFT – Wisconsin  
[www.aft-wisconsin.org](http://www.aft-wisconsin.org)
- Fair Aid Coalition
- School Administrators Alliance  
[www.wsaa.org](http://www.wsaa.org)
- Southeastern Wisconsin Schools Alliance  
[www.schoolsalliance.com](http://www.schoolsalliance.com)
- Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools  
[www.excellentschools.org](http://www.excellentschools.org)
- Wisconsin Association of School Boards  
[www.wasb.org](http://www.wasb.org)
- Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators  
[www.wasda.org](http://www.wasda.org)
- Wisconsin Education Association Council  
[www.weac.org](http://www.weac.org)
- Wisconsin Parent Teacher Association (PTA)  
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