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SFN Applauds Evers for his Commitment to Funding Reform

The School Finance Network today thanked State Superintendent Tony Evers who, during his inaugural address, spoke about changes that are needed in the way we fund our schools.

In his remarks, Evers acknowledged our state and nation’s current economic struggles and stressed the importance of establishing a “legacy of excellence and of building a strong foundation for the future.”

“For economic and moral reasons, we must continue our longstanding commitment to public education. We must fix what’s broken, and build upon what works,” challenged Evers. “In Wisconsin, we must recruit and retain quality educators, invest in innovation, ensure safe and respectful schools, advance both common sense and transparent accountability, and work toward fair and sustainable school funding.”

Evers also spoke of the need to ensure that students have the knowledge and skills necessary for success in the future. “Now is the time,” he stated, “to focus on that which will last: a quality education with every child a graduate prepared for the workplace and further education lasts a lifetime.”

“We greatly appreciate State Superintendent Evers’ commitment to our schools and our students,” said Roxanne Starks, president of the Wisconsin PTA, a member of the School Finance Network. “It is more important than ever before to ensure that the way we fund Wisconsin schools is consistent with the needs of our students and our communities.”

The SFN is a statewide coalition of educational 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.

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The School Finance Network is made up of the following groups: AFT–Wisconsin, the Fair Aid Coalition, the School Administrators Alliance, the Southeastern 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.

For more information about the SFN and to view its new video, “United Front,” go to www.SFNWisconsin.org.

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