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## Legislative Council Study on Student Data Moving Forward

**Madison** – The Legislative Council Study Committee on Student Data, chaired by Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt (R – Fond du Lac), completed its second meeting with great success. Study committees are organized by the Wisconsin Legislative Council, with legislative approval, to better understand issues and make recommendations for the upcoming 2017-2018 legislative session in a bi-partisan setting.

Rep. Thiesfeldt stated, “Over the first two meetings we have covered tremendous ground in developing legislative ideas for strengthening our student data protections in Wisconsin. Based on our second meeting last week, I am confident knowing our state has one of the leading secure technology and protocols in place. Second, we have learned what other states have been doing to improve security even further. The Department of Public Instruction has also been extremely helpful by developing a data inventory summary sheet to specify what specific data is being discussed and examined.”

The scope of the study committee’s work is to review all student data gathered by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the data security measures that protect student privacy. The committee will study whether the data collection is required by federal law, state statute, or administrative rule and the purposes for which the data is utilized, and consider developing legislation to limit the types of student data collected by DPI and to improve the security of that data.

“So far, we are finding nothing indicating improper use of our student data but we have learned of many enhancements that we could undertake. I look forward to our next meeting in September when we discuss those options,” concluded Thiesfeldt.

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