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REP. MURPHY CRITICAL OF UW SYSTEM SOFTWARE PROBLEM MANAGEMENT

(Madison, WI) – State Representative Dave Murphy (R-Greenville) called on the University of Wisconsin System (UWS) to take swift action regarding the management of recently revealed human resources software operation issues. The program tracks and distributes health and pension benefits.

“I appreciate that UW System President Kevin Reilly has admitted the problem and taken some responsibility for it, and I expect him to be aggressive about quickly getting this mismanaged crisis under control and to enforce consequences for those in charge of it,” stated Murphy.

Murphy says students, their families, and other taxpayers have the right to be outraged about this at a time when educational costs are rising. “I don’t think promoting the person in charge, UW System Senior Vice President for Administration and Fiscal Affairs Michael Morgan, is going to help get things back on track,” continued Murphy.

Morgan, who was appointed to his limited-term position in 2010, is currently being considered for a permanent position. “Effective payment management is critical, especially from the state’s largest employer,” said Murphy. “Last year’s \$33 million in erroneous payments, compounded by the \$27 million software system that was scrapped around 2004, is truly an epic fail. While any new system will have glitches, the scale of these errors is massive and demands immediate review, action, and accountability.”

The Joint Legislative Audit Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 22, at the Capitol to inform legislators and the public about the details of the errors. Ultimately, the Audit Committee could vote to order a state audit of this program at the University System.

Murphy serves as the Vice-Chair of the Assembly Colleges and Universities Committee and represents Wisconsin’s 56th Assembly District.

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