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## **REP. SONDY POPE RELEASES STATEMENT ON PRIVATE VOUCHER LOBBY OPEN RECORDS REQUEST**

MADISON – It was recently made public that School Choice Wisconsin aims to force nearly 30 public school districts to turn over directory data of minors. Directory data would be released as part of a state open records request, and could include the pupil’s name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, field of study, participation activity in extracurriculars, weight and height, photographs, and more. Representative Sondy Pope released the following statement regarding School Choice Wisconsin’s actions:

“I am appalled to see that a purportedly professional organization is attempting to mine the information of children to make a quick buck,” said Pope. “The statement of fact alone – that a voucher special interest group is requesting access to the personal data of thousands of minors – is an invasion of privacy that should concern parents.”

Representatives for School Choice Wisconsin indicated that students’ personal information will be used to market private schools. The lobby group has not made clear whether third parties, such as telemarketers and private vendors, would have access to students’ data.

“This behavior from School Choice Wisconsin is unsurprising,” said Pope. “This lobby group has consistently put profit over people, choosing to entice parents to buy into voucher programs instead of being respectful of personal boundaries.”

“School Choice Wisconsin’s public claim is all about giving parents and families choices,” said Pope. “So I ask that they hold to this principle, and allow a parent to choose to keep their student’s personal information private.”

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