



Dear friend,

Happy Spring! As always, it is an honor to serve as your representative from the 54th Assembly District.

As we wrap up this legislative session, I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on my work in the Capitol. Thanks for taking the time to read my Legislative Newsletter. I hope that you'll always feel welcome to contact me, whether it's by calling, writing, or stopping by my office.

Sincerely,

State Representative, 54th Assembly District



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Spring tulips bloom at the Wisconsin Capitol.

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## 2015-2017 Session Ends Early



Rep. Hintz discusses a bill with his colleague, Evan Goyke (D-Milwaukee), on the floor of the Assembly during the last week of session.

On February 18, Republican leadership in the State Assembly chose to adjourn the legislative session, likely until January of 2017. This is the earliest the body has adjourned since 1970.

I remain disappointed with the decision to wrap up work early, especially since my colleagues failed to address so many of the issues that are important to Wisconsinites, including:

- Student loan debt relief
- Expansion of BadgerCare using existing federal dollars
- Sustainable funding for our public schools
- Voucher school accountability & fraud prevention
- Expanding access to paid sick leave
- Long-term funding solution for our roads & highways
- Non-partisan redistricting reform
- Improving safety & containing costs at correctional facilities
- Reforming the troubled WEDC and preventing fraud



Frustratingly, the main focus of Republicans in the

Rep. Hintz attends the annual Department of Public Education "Title I Schools of Recognition" ceremony, which honored Oshkosh's Washington Elementary

majority was dismantling Wisconsin's non-partisan elections oversight board, exempting political crimes from Wisconsin's version of a grand jury investigation, and deregulating most election spending and disclosure rules for special interests and corporations.



You can follow my work on the Joint Finance Committee by [liking the WI Joint Finance Committee Democrats Facebook Page](#) .

## April 5 Spring Election Voting Information

The 2016 Spring Election is April 5. Early (in-person absentee) voting is underway in municipal clerks' offices weekdays until April 1. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Voters can check if they're registered, request an absentee ballot, check their polling location and view a sample ballot: <https://myvote.wi.gov/>

With limited exceptions, Wisconsin citizens must present a photo ID to have their ballot counted.

Click the picture to the right to find out how the new Voter ID law works at the polls.

**Wisconsin Voter Photo ID**  
What you need to know.

With limited exceptions, Wisconsin citizens must present a photo ID to have their ballot counted.

**You must show one of these IDs**

- Wisconsin Driver License
- Wisconsin State ID
- U.S. Military Photo ID Card
- U.S. Passport
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Proof of Enrollment

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What if I don't have an acceptable photo ID?**  
Polling workers might you can't show a photo ID. Get an ID. See the reverse to find out how to get a Free Voter Photo ID.

**I need a photo ID if I vote absentee?**  
You must include a copy of your acceptable voter photo ID when you send to your signed absentee ballot request. The only exceptions are: if you are indefinitely confined due to age or disability; live in a nursing home or sanitarium; or are a permanent resident of another state.

**Important things to remember:**

- The address on your ID does NOT have to be current.
- There is not a separate "Voter Photo ID card." You can use any of the examples pictured on this page as a Voter Photo ID.
- Note the expiration and issuance date requirements for acceptable IDs.
- The name on your photo ID does NOT have to exactly match the name you use to vote. Nicknames (e.g., "Susan" with ID for "Suzy") are OK! However, if you've legally changed your name, your new name must be on the ID you use to vote.
- If you forget to bring your photo ID on Election Day, you can ask the election worker for a provisional ballot. In order for your ballot to be counted, you must either return to the polling place before it closes at 8 p.m. with your ID, or bring your ID to your municipal clerk's office by 4 p.m. the Friday after the election.

**Need more information?** Visit the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board (GAB) website at: <http://fbgwi.wi.gov/> Or call the GAB at 1-866-VOYCE-WIS (1-866-868-2647)

Click here for Voter ID Information

## Spring Office Hours Schedule

I like to make myself available to my constituents as much as possible. Each month I hold office hours from **10am-12pm at the Oshkosh Seniors Center, 200 N Campbell Rd, Oshkosh**. My office hours schedule for the spring is as follows:

- **Friday, April 22**
- **Friday, May 20**
- **Friday, June 24**

I hope you will stop by with any questions, comments, or concerns.



## Other Happenings

- **February 15:** Wrote an op/ed in the Oshkosh Northwestern about [Wisconsin's self-inflicted budget problems](#).
- **March 3:** Was a [judge](#) for the Legislator Award for the Helen



For the Oshkosh Public Library's Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest, Rep. Hintz chose the piece "Colorful Canis" by Nora S. from Lourdes for the Legislator Award.

- Farnsworth Mears Art Contest at the Oshkosh Public Library (photo).
- **March 8:** Spoke at the Bella Vista Association Meeting of Residents.
- **March 10:** Tabled at the Oshkosh Area School District 8th Grade Career Fair at Oshkosh West.
- **March 14:** Attended Department of Public Instruction's Title I Schools of Recognition Awards in the Capitol Rotunda, which honored Washington Elementary.
- **March 16:** Participated in Leadership Oshkosh's Health and Human Services Day Poverty Simulation.
- **March 21:** Attended the Oshkosh State of the City Address

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## 2016 Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearings

Each year, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress holds 72 public hearings, one in each county, where individuals interested in natural resources management have an opportunity to provide their input by non-binding vote and testimony to the Department of Natural Resources, Natural Resources Board and the Conservation Congress on proposed rule changes and advisory questions relating to fish and wildlife management in Wisconsin. Take this opportunity to share your thoughts and learn from others. Elect local Wisconsin Conservation Congress delegate representatives and provide input. [Here is a link to the agenda and the 2016 Spring Hearing Questionnaire.](#)



**Winnebago County Location:**

**Monday, April 11th, 7pm**  
**Webster Stanley Middle School,**  
**Auditorium**  
**915 Hazel Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901**

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## Blue Books, Highway Maps and other Wisconsin Resources

Contact my office if you're interested in a 2015-16 Blue Book, Wisconsin road map, Travel Wisconsin's Event Guide, or the 2016 Camping Guide. These could be essentials for a road trip this summer! Email me at [Rep.Hintz@legis.wi.gov](mailto:Rep.Hintz@legis.wi.gov) with your address and which item(s) you would like.



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