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## Senator Stroebel to Tour Milwaukee Parental School Choice Campuses Friday

Emphasizes need to expand School Choice in Wisconsin

Madison, WI – State Senator Duey Stroebel announced a tour of four School Choice campuses in both Milwaukee and Cedarburg. The tour coincides with the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Milwaukee Parental School Choice program.

"I am a strong supporter of empowering," said Senator Stroebel. "We need to continue to expand the system beyond Milwaukee and Racine by lifting the caps and ensuring ample funding around the state. From St. Marcus in Milwaukee to First Immanuel in Cedarburg, the Legislature must ensure more Wisconsin kids have the option to attend the best schools possible.

"I am looking forward to visiting these four schools to better understand how they are improving the educational model and advancing education options. Touring the four schools will showcase the successes and challenges faced by the over 200 approved schools statewide.

"While the Governor's current budget expands school choice, I do have some concerns with the potential decrease in voucher dollar amounts. Currently, participating high schools receive \$7,856 per pupil. Under the proposed budget, that amount could fall to \$5,052 or lower. This decrease is important when considering the average amount Wisconsin high schools receive – on average \$12,512 or nearly twice the amount received by a choice high school. If we want to ensure program success, it must be adequately funded."

## Saint Marcus Lutheran School – 8:00 a.m.

2215 North Palmer Street, Milwaukee

Notre Dame Schools of Milwaukee Middle School – 9:30 a.m.

1420 West Scott, Milwaukee

Nativity Jesuit Middle School – 11:00 a.m.

1515 South 29th Street, Milwaukee

## First Immanuel Lutheran School – 2:00 p.m.

W67N622 Evergreen Boulevard, Cedarburg

Senator Stroebel will be joined on his tour by Terry Brown, Vice-President of School Choice Wisconsin.

Senator Duey Stroebel represents the 20<sup>th</sup> Senate District which includes parts of Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, Calumet and Sheboygan Counties. He lives in Cedarburg with his wife Laura and eight children.

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