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Dear Friends,

This week, Lake Shore Middle School was named a National Blue Ribbon School. I applaud the committed students, families, and educators who make Lake Shore an exceptionally great school. Learn more about their prestigious national award below.

Also this week, I co-sponsored a bill to repeal Wisconsin's outdated minimum markup law. For the past 75 years, state law forced families to pay more than they would in other states. This law prevents business from offering the lowest price they can and higher costs are passed on directly to consumers.

I support changing Wisconsin's minimum markup law because the archaic law makes it more expensive to live here and it makes our state less competitive. I'm optimistic we will see this bill pass and free market competition will be restored in Wisconsin.

As always, if you have any ideas on how to improve our great state, please do not hesitate to contact me at Sen.Darling@legis.wi.gov or at 608-266-5830.

Sincerely,

Alberta Darling

Senator Darling's
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Congratulations to Lake Shore Middle School!



The 8th Senate District is home to exceptional schools. Constituents often tell me that our exceptional schools were a primary reason they moved to or stay in the 8th Senate District.

This week, one of our schools received a prestigious national recognition: Mequon's Lake Shore Middle School is a 2015 Blue Ribbon school. Congratulations!

Only 335 schools nationwide were recognized. The award is based on academic excellence or improvement in closing achievement gaps. Lake Shore is being recognized for academic excellence.

According to Lake Shore's application Lake Shore Middle School was built in 1968 and "has a history of educational excellence grounded in the belief that a high impact learning community is necessary to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of young children." I applaud the hard work of Lake Shore Middle School students, families, and educators.

You can read more about this fantastic school by clicking [here](#).

Manufacturing Days



On Friday, Governor Walker and I attended an amazing event at GenMet Corporation in Mequon. The company opened their doors to show around 250 school children what 21st century manufacturing is all about.

I've served as a member of the Be Bold and Be Bold 2 committees. The goal of those committees was to close the skills gap in our state. Many jobs are going unfilled because companies can't find employees with the skills they need.

One thing we consistently heard was most kids have not had any exposure to manufacturing making them less likely to pursue it as a career.

Events like the one held by GenMet will make sure more kids are aware of the benefits of learning a skilled trade. I want to thank GenMet for making this a priority and showing hundreds of kids another option for their future.

Hearings on Changes to IRIS, Family Care

Wisconsin's Department of Health Services (DHS) is holding public hearings throughout Wisconsin to discuss

changes to the IRIS and Family Care programs. Public testimony is welcome.

DHS will hold a public hearing in our areas on October 6th at the Wilson Park Senior Center. Please attend if you can and help shape the future of these important programs.

What: DHS Public Hearings on IRIS and Family Care.
When: 9:30am to 12:30pm, Tuesday, October 6, 2015
Where: Wilson Park Senior Center, 2601 W. Howard, Avenue, Milwaukee, WI

Around the 8th...

Congratulations to the Bradley Corporation! The Menomonee Falls based company won the Milwaukee Business Journal's Healthiest Employer award. The 95-year-old company employs nearly 500 people. You can read more about their efforts to keep their employees healthy and happy [here](#):

Saturday is the Mequon Fire Department's Safety Day and Open House. The event runs from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Public Safety Building, 300 N. Buntrock Avenue, in Mequon. The Flight for Life helicopter is scheduled to arrive at 11:30am and there will be demonstrations of fire service equipment and information on fire prevention.

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