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Rep. Goyke Congratulates Milwaukee Public Schools and Stands with Dedicated Staff and Students

MADISON – State Representative Evan Goyke (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement in response to today's notification by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to Milwaukee County and Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) that no districts are currently eligible for the Opportunity Schools and Partnership Program (OSPP) in 2016-17.

"I offer my sincere congratulations to Dr. Driver, the MPS School Board, Teachers, Parents, and Students for the positive gains made in our Milwaukee Public Schools.

During the final days of Wisconsin's previous biennial budget debate, the OSPP provision was added. I was present and remember it well - it was nearly 1:30 in the morning. With no collaboration with those most impacted, this plan was put forward and passed.

Today's notification by DPI shows the progress we're making in Milwaukee. The notification is a testament to the hard work and successful collaboration between Dr. Driver and the School Board.

I believe in Dr. Driver. She has earned my support through her tireless work for Milwaukee students. I also believe in our MPS School Board. They have worked together for Milwaukee students while representing their constituents with passion.

Today's announcement shows the hard work is paying off. We must continue to support and empower Dr. Driver and the School Board. Real change is happening and today's notification is clear evidence that when we work together for a common purpose it is positive and meaningful to the students in Milwaukee."

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