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Rep. Dittrich Works to Bring Transparency and Reform

Empowering Parents and Our Schools to Work Together

Madison – Representative Barbara Dittrich (*R – Oconomowoc*) introduction the Educational Reform Bill Package on Monday. Her office issued the following statement:

“Given the fractures that have deepened between parents, teachers, and school districts over the past few years, Rep. Dittrich along with Senators Knodl and Quinn introduced a dual focus package of bills Monday to bring support and unity to the education of our youth. The first objective is to bring transparency and efficacy to parental interactions with educational staff in order to make sure the focus is on the child’s education. The second objective is to reform Wisconsin’s licensure system to retain and hire qualified teachers that may not have the time or money to go through an arduous program while maintaining a full time job to provide for themselves and their families.

One of the bills in the package will streamline the process to review curricula to ensure parents are informed in what their children are learning and are well equipped to assist their children at home. Two other bills introduced inform parents what materials their child checks out of either their school or public library, allowing for more transparency, and ensuring parental involvement and accountability.

The second portion of the package focuses on the licensure of teachers who are already working in classrooms that have not yet been able to receive a license, be it due to the cost of education or the additional time commitment required. This licensure pathway allows for educators already educating students in the classroom to be granted a license. Coincidentally, the teacher licensure concept in this legislation came directly from the DPI website as a method for teacher licensure that had been approved and utilized prior to its mysterious disappearance last summer.

Rep. Dittrich is hopeful that the Governor will stand by his pledge to stand by our teachers, allowing existing teachers to receive a license and thereby receive the financial benefits that offers, while also giving parents the tools to work with Wisconsin’s educators as a team.”

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