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Rep. Dittrich Bills Bridge Gaps in Education

2 Bills Part of Larger Education and Wellness Initiative

Madison –Representative Barbara Dittrich (*R – Oconomowoc*) successfully bridged different gaps in education through bills she authored that were passed by the Legislature on Tuesday. Assembly Bill 638 (AB638) and Senate Bill 608 (SB 608) were passed on the floor of the Assembly. Both bills take a significant step forward in ensuring curriculum transparency, access to educational materials, and address teaching workforce shortages.

“Two issues I have repeatedly heard throughout my district since 2020 are restoring trust between parents and schools, and filling teacher shortages in our schools. I am confident that making school materials and curriculum more readily available for parents will decrease friction between home and school. Additionally, empowering school district principals and administrators to identify paraprofessionals that would make great full-time teachers and get them provisional licenses while they work on a degree will help fill those roles more effectively and expeditiously.”

The Assembly also passed a comprehensive package of bills that were recommended by the Speaker’s Task Force on Truancy as well as a bill adjusting the way choice and charter schools are funded. The truancy bills take another step in fostering parental engagement and open communication, while ensuring our children have the support system to thrive. The choice/charter bill creates consistency on how our choice and charter schools are funded, which will lower property taxes across the state and help our public schools when creating their budget every school year.

The passage of these bills continue the efforts Rep. Dittrich has shown all session in ensuring our students have access to a quality education, parents have an opportunity for open communication with school districts, and the health and wellness of our children is prioritized.

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