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## Rep. Duchow Votes to Support Wisconsin Students

Madison, WI – Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed a package of bills seeking to raise academic standards and improve student outcomes across the State. Rep. Duchow (R-Delafield) released the following response:

“Today, I joined my Republican colleagues in passing Assembly Bill (AB) 1 to return Wisconsin’s academic standards to those set by the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP). AB 1 reverses the lower standards created by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and instituted by DPI Secretary Jill Underly last year. When Secretary Underly took Wisconsin off the NAEP standard, she removed the only way of gauging how Wisconsin students perform nationally. Creating this new standard out of thin air was a guise to cover up for Secretary Underly and DPI’s failures to improve student outcomes in Wisconsin. I expect the Senate to approve this measure as well as the Governor to sign it into law, considering Governor Evers implemented these exact standards when he was DPI Secretary.

I am also proud that we passed several other education initiatives, including curriculum transparency and a civics education requirement for high school students. Let’s set our students up for success – not failure.”

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*Rep. Duchow represents the 97<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, which includes the villages of Dousman, Eagle, North Prairie, Oconomowoc, Palmyra, Sullivan, Summit, and Wales; the towns of Concord, Delafield, Eagle, Genesee, Hebron, Mukwonago, Ottawa, Palmyra, and Sullivan; and the City of Delafield.*