



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE AUDIT BUREAU
LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

June 15, 2000

Senator Gary R. George and
Representative Carol Kelso, Co-chairpersons
Joint Legislative Audit Committee
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Senator George and Representative Kelso:

We have completed a review of the dental education contract between the State of Wisconsin and the Marquette University School of Dentistry for the 1997-1999 biennium, as required by s. 39.46(1), Wis. Stats. During the biennium, the State provided \$2,334,000 in tuition aid to Marquette University for Wisconsin resident dental students. As approved by the Legislature and Governor in the 1999-2001 biennial budget, this same level of funding will continue for fiscal years 1999-2000 and 2000-01.

Our review included tests to ensure that the Marquette University School of Dentistry has complied with contract and statutory requirements set forth in s. 39.46, Wis. Stats. We reviewed the residency and enrollment status of students for whom Marquette University claimed tuition aid to determine whether they were certified by the Higher Educational Aids Board as Wisconsin residents. In addition, we reviewed whether Marquette University expended state funds only for the undergraduate dental school program, gave preference in admissions to Wisconsin residents, and promoted minority enrollment. We found that Marquette University was in compliance with its contract with the State and with s. 39.46, Wis. Stats.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by Marquette University administrators and the staff of the Higher Educational Aids Board during this review.

Respectfully submitted,

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