



WISCONSIN STATE SENATE

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Greetings from New State Senator Sarah Keyeski

Hello! My name is Sarah Keyeski, and I am the new State Senator serving Wisconsin's 14th Senate District. I'm delighted to have been elected to this new role, and I am committed to being curious, informative, transparent, and accessible. Let me introduce you to my district and to myself and share some of my legislative priorities with all of you.

For starters, where is the 14th Senate District? The new 14th Senate District is located in South Central Wisconsin and is primarily in the beautiful driftless region. It includes all of Richland and Sauk counties and parts of Adams, Columbia, Dane, Juneau, and Vernon counties.

While I am a newly elected Democrat, my professional background is not political. For the past 25 years, I have worked as a mental health provider at a rural clinic, and for the last six of those years, I have also had my own private practice. My work providing individual, couples and family therapy has been deeply meaningful and I will continue to practice part time. Metaphorically, I've been able to pull people out of the water when they feel like they are drowning. Now, in my role as a legislator, I want to direct my attention "upstream" to help prevent people from falling in. This means addressing the many issues facing people across our state that contribute to worsening health and mental health conditions and overall quality of life - issues like housing insecurity, poverty, food insecurity, gun violence, climate destabilization and other hardships and traumas that impact peoples' day-to-day lives. These issues affect everyone in my district, from the small children in our public schools to the resilient farmers in our rural townships, and I will work hard to represent them all.

Now, a little about me. I am a wife, a mom to six kids, and a resident of Lodi. I love spending time with my family, being active in my community, doing anything creative, and hiking on the Ice Age State Trail. I grew up on a family dairy farm in Cashton, Wisconsin. My dad was a dairy farmer and a union railroad worker, and my mom was a registered nurse. After studying at Luther College and then Northwestern University, I moved from large cities to smaller and smaller places in Wisconsin. In 2017, my family moved to Lodi (population 3,000), because I wanted to raise my children in a small town with the lifestyle and values that made me who I am.

To me, our small, rural communities are the heart and soul of Wisconsin and contribute greatly to the strength and cultural uniqueness of our state. One of my top priorities is to ensure that these communities have the resources needed to be economically vibrant and great places to raise a family. I will work to serve the unique needs of our communities -- from investing more in our public schools to help our kids thrive and reduce the burden on property taxpayers, to uplifting the hardworking farmers who nourish our families, to making child care and health care more accessible, to helping our local governments have the resources needed to provide high-quality services to residents, and so much more.

I am thrilled that my committee assignments for the 2025-26 Legislative Session will allow me to work directly on issues that are important both to my district and to me personally. I am proud to be on the following Senate committees: the Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, and Children and Families; the Committee on Agriculture and Revenue; and the Committee on Education.



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My goal as a legislator is to work diligently and collaboratively to help everywhere I can; advocate for commonsense, bipartisan solutions to the issues facing South Central Wisconsin; and provide excellent service to constituents of the 14th Senate District. I know a lot of people are distrustful of government officials, and I understand this. Honestly, I was very timid about joining the political world of work, myself. However, if “regular” people don’t serve, then we don’t get solid representation by people like you and me. So, here I am. Ultimately, my goal is to be a good neighbor to you. I want you to always feel your voice is heard when you contact me, and that you feel kept up-to-date by me about my work and priorities as a public servant, the goings-on at the State Capitol, and how decisions made in Madison impact our community.