



## DIANNE HESSELBEIN

STATE SENATOR • SENATE DISTRICT 27

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: March 12, 2024

Contact: [Chandra Munroe](#), (608) 266-6670

### **Senator Hesselbein Denounces Republicans Rejecting More Qualified-Appointees**

MADISON, Wis – Today, Senate Republicans rejected eight more well-qualified appointees from serving the State of Wisconsin. The total number of executive appointments rejected by the State Senate this session is now 20. For context, since 1981 only 5 executive appointments had been rejected by this body. Senate Democratic Leader Dianne Hesselbein (D-Middleton) released the following statement:

“Republicans should be ashamed of the petty partisan games they are playing with the Governor’s well-qualified appointees.

“John W. Miller and Dana Wachs being fired from the Board of Regents today demonstrates Republicans’ misplaced priorities. Just yesterday, we learned the unfortunate news of UWM Waukesha’s closure—the fifth branch campus either closing entirely or moving to online-only instruction. Yet Republicans are choosing to prioritize these baseless firings over meaningful action to support the Universities of Wisconsin. With a more than \$3 billion surplus, Republicans have the opportunity to undo the damage they caused during their decade-long crusade against the UW System and higher education.”

###