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**HELSELBEIN: FAMILIES NEED MORE INFORMATION ON CAMPUS CUTS;
NEED TO HEAR FULL STORIES FROM CHANCELLORS**

Rep. Dianne Hesselbein (D-Middleton) today chided the UW Board of Regents for limiting chancellors' reports on the impact of state budget cuts to one-page summaries.

"Parents and high school students need much more information than these one-pagers to know if the school they are considering will offer what they want," she said. "Each campus is handling its share of the \$250 million cut differently. Some professional programs will not be able to handle extra demand. Some schools may decide to specialize in some subjects and eliminate others. Families need to know."

The Board of Regents told legislators that discussions about individual campuses should take place "at the local level." "What does that mean?" Hesselbein asked. "Am I supposed to take my child on road trips all over the state? We are traveling to visit campuses all over, but these budget cuts are not being explained on campus tours."

She noted that Rep. Dave Murphy (R-Greenville), chairman of the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities, has agreed with Democrats that "The UW Board of Regents is the appropriate place to hold this dialogue."

She also objected to the news that system President Ray Cross held a dress rehearsal with chancellors before the briefing to regents that was cancelled abruptly last Friday, in which he gave them just five minutes and used a buzzer that said "No Whining."

"This is not 'sifting and winnowing,'" she said, "this is bullying, and it is not suitable for the University of Wisconsin. The chancellors of our great institutions deserve respect, and if they are alarmed by these large cuts and what they mean for each campus, the regents and the public need to hear it."

The campus summaries can be read online at
<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/eupdates/asm54/One%20Pagers%20Combined.pdf>

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