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Pfaff Congratulates Wisconsin Biden Nominees Andrea Palm and Cindy Marten

(**La Crosse, WI**) – Senator Brad Pfaff (D-Onalaska) released a statement regarding Presidentelect Joe Biden's decision to nominate Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Andrea Palm and UW-La Crosse graduate Cindy Marten to serve in his administration.

Palm will depart DHS to serve as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Biden Administration. Marten, superintendent of San Diego Unified School District, will serve as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

"Throughout their careers, Andrea Palm and Cindy Marten have performed high-quality work and made significant contributions to their respective fields. The United States will benefit greatly from their leadership."

"I had the pleasure of serving alongside Secretary-designee Palm in Governor Evers' cabinet. Her thoughtfulness, attention to detail, and can-do attitude have helped lead Wisconsin through this unprecedented crisis. I have full confidence that she will serve our country with the same determination and effectiveness as she has served the state of Wisconsin."

"I also extend my congratulations to 1988 UW-La Crosse graduate Cindy Marten for her appointment to serve in the U.S. Department of Education. Cindy has led a notable career as a teacher, principal, and superintendent. I am excited to see her hone these skills in her new role."

"It is so important for us here in this area and throughout Wisconsin to recognize the talented and capable people who come from our communities. Values of hard work, respect, and mutual assistance permeate every corner of this state, creating strong and effective leadership."

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Senator Brad Pfaff represents the 32nd Senate District, which includes La Crosse, Vernon, Crawford, and southern Monroe County.