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**PAUL FARROW**

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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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### **FARROW CONCERNED THE ASSEMBLY HAS LOST FOCUS ON ACCOUNTABILITY**

Senator applauds Rep. Thiesfeldt decision to postpone executive action on flawed legislation

**Madison** – State Senator Paul Farrow (R-Pewaukee), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education Reform & Government Operations, was pleased to hear of Representative Jeremy Thiesfeldt’s postponement of executive action on Assembly Bill 1 in the Assembly Education Committee. In reaction to Chairman Thiesfeldt’s announcement, Senator Farrow released the following statement:

“I am extremely encouraged by the decision made by my counterpart in the Assembly to cancel his Executive Session on Assembly Bill 1. As legislators we are charged with discussing and crafting legislation that will become effective public policy for the betterment of our citizens and the state as a whole. Assembly Bill 1 and the proposed substitute amendment, in their current form, are flawed and not ready for primetime. It should not be put on the fast track strictly for political purposes.

“It has become abundantly clear that the Assembly does not have the support to move their school accountability package out of committee, let alone the votes for passage before the full Assembly. As pleased as I am with Representative Thiesfeldt’s decision to give his legislation the opportunity for further discussion, I am disappointed in the political gamesmanship being played by the Speaker and the Majority Leader by holding up Assembly Bill 78, which has proven to have bipartisan support.

“I look forward to working with Representative Thiesfeldt and all of the members of the Assembly Education Committee to craft legislation that it is right for Wisconsin’s public, charter and choice schools. If the Majority Leader wouldn’t have declined my invitation to take part in community meetings on accountability this past summer, maybe the Assembly would better understand the nuances of accountability. One thing remains clear; we agree that our children deserve quality education in Wisconsin, but Assembly Bill 1 does not reach that goal and is being fueled by politics.”

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