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## **Cheese is One Step Closer to Becoming Official State Dairy Product**

Madison, WI – Cheese is one step closer to becoming Wisconsin’s State Dairy Product. Assembly Bill 73 authored by Representative Todd Novak (Dodgeville) and Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) following a presentation by 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Mineral Point Elementary, passed the State Senate today. The bill is now before Governor Scott Walker who is expected to sign it into law.

“I am very proud of the 57 students at Mineral Point Elementary School who worked to make this bill a reality!” Marklein said. “We can all agree that cheese deserves a place of honor and recognition among our state symbols.”

“I represent dozens of cheese makers and hundreds of farms who support the cheese industry,” Marklein said. “We are proud of our dairy heritage and the support for this state symbol has been nearly universal.”

“It is not an easy task to pass a new state symbol,” said Novak. “It is obvious that the legislature was impressed by the efforts of these students. The class managed to gather overwhelming and bipartisan support in both houses.”

AB 73 has passed both houses of the state legislature and is now before Governor Scott Walker for signature.

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