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**SFN Commends State Superintendent Evers for Framework, Leadership Organization calls Evers’ “Fair Funding for Our Future” framework a step in the right direction**

In response to the “Fair Funding for Our Future” framework that he announced today, the School Finance Network commended State Superintendent Tony Evers, recognizing his leadership and his efforts to take the first step in addressing needed changes to Wisconsin school funding laws.

In his framework, Evers calls for a minimum level of state aid for every student regardless of where they live and changing the state’s current one-size-fits all approach to school funding by more carefully targeting dollars and increasing transparency.

“Many of the challenges outlined by State Superintendent Evers are the same as those suggested by the School Finance Network,” said Julie Underwood, Dean of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education and SFN facilitator. “We appreciate the state superintendent’s leadership in this area.”

Across the state of Wisconsin, school districts have been forced to make dramatic budget cuts, resulting in the laying off of teachers, the elimination of programs and the closing of school buildings. The School Finance Network, a coalition of educational organizations, has called for changes to the current funding system that will make it more financially accountable and target funds where they are needed most.

“We are grateful for State Superintendent Evers’ efforts to continue the process of improving the way we fund our schools,” said Underwood. “Now, perhaps more than ever before, the education of our students is critical to their future success, and to that of our entire state.”

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The School Finance Network is made up of the following groups: AFT–Wisconsin, the Fair Aid Coalition, the School Administrators Alliance, the Southeastern Wisconsin Schools Alliance, the Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools, the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators, the Wisconsin Education Association Council, and the Wisconsin PTA.

For more information about the SFN, go to [www.SFNWisconsin.org](http://www.SFNWisconsin.org).

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