

STATE OF WISCONSIN

May 15, 2002

Members, Joint Committee on Finance
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Finance:

As required under s. 121.15(3m) of the statutes, the purpose of this letter is to certify our estimate of the amount necessary to appropriate in general school aids in fiscal year 2002-03 to ensure that the sum of the appropriations for state general and categorical school aids, the school levy tax credit and the operations of the Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired equals two-thirds of partial school revenues. Under current law, by June 30, 2002, the Joint Committee on Finance must determine the general school aids appropriation amount for 2002-03.

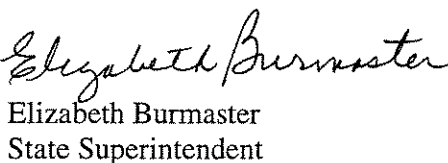
Under current law, our offices are required to certify an amount at the same time that the Legislature is deliberating on the 2001-03 budget adjustment bill (January 2002 Special Session Assembly Bill 1). This certification may be unnecessary this year, since under both the Assembly and Senate versions of the budget adjustment bill, the general school aids appropriation would be set statutorily, rather than under the current law Joint Finance determination process, based on the relevant school finance provisions contained in each bill.

However, to comply with the statutory May 15 certification date, we have estimated partial school revenues under current law school finance provisions and funding levels in the other relevant appropriations. Based on estimated 2002-03 partial school revenues under current law, we hereby certify that \$4,220,945,900 GPR is the estimated amount necessary to appropriate in general school aids in 2002-03 under current law. This funding level is unchanged from previous estimates of current law for 2002-03 used in deliberations on the budget adjustment bill.

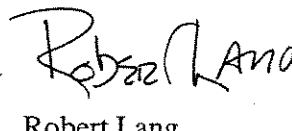
Sincerely,


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October 9, 2002

The Honorable Brian Burke, Co-Chair
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The Honorable John Gard, Co-Chair
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Dear Senator Burke and Representative Gard:

This letter is an addendum to the 2000-01 Annual Report on the Status of the Preschool to Grade 5 (P-5) Program.

The following information should be attached to the 2000-01 P-5 annual report submitted in March 2002. In March, the district grants for the 2002-03 school year had not been calculated pending finalization of enrollment figures. The Department of Public Instruction awarded grants for the 2002-03 school year to the following districts based on enrollment recorded the third Friday in September 2001:

Beloit School District	\$ 643,353
Kenosha Unified School District	\$1,022,492
Milwaukee Public School	\$4,497,996
Racine Unified School District	\$1,189,859

Individual schools within the targeted districts are selected on a variety of factors, including the percentage of low-income, at risk students enrolled, low achievement, high mobility, and other factors that contribute to their status as the most needy in the district.

Funds are expended to enable schools to implement educational goals and objectives. Funds may be used to hire approved staff; reduce pupil/teacher ratios; provide curricular or instructional expertise; provide staff development activities; promote family involvement; and/or purchase supplies, training, and/or equipment that is directly supportive of specified educational objectives.

If you have questions, please contact Sandra Dercole, DPI Office of Urban Education, at 414-227-4942.

Sincerely,

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