

**In Support of the  
Wisconsin Academy Staff Development Initiative  
(WASDI)**

by other WASDI lead teachers and posted on WASDIline for download.

16. The administrators of our schools were invited to attend for a day at our WASDI training. My school is administratively very, very lean. Nonetheless my teacher-in-charge did attend and was as enthused as I about the ideas for adapting to standards-based curriculum, lessons, and assessment. From that experience we have a common reference, vocabulary and understanding to express the change we work to achieve.

17. My expression of leadership in my school is to initiate standards based lesson planning and to connect curriculum centers to my math lessons. In the area of geography the math class might make square or circle shaped representations of the area of countries being studied in the geography classroom. I conferred with the language arts teacher regarding poetry; in the math classroom we measure words by the number of letters and use descriptive statistics to search for similarities and differences between the distribution of word lengths in poems of different poets. From the language arts teacher I get copies of the pre-writing organizers and I incorporate them in the writing about solving math problems. The math class uses historical census data to show different representations of population growth within states and census regions; the history teacher connects that data to major issues in history.

18. In my life before WASDI my computer needs were satisfied by a Radio Shack HX-2000. In order to participate on WASDIline I purchased the first version of iMAC in December 1998. Since that time I have logged 21 DAYS and 21+ HOURS on WASDIline. That is more than 543 **after-school-hours** on-line over 28.5 months. And that can be further expressed as 17+ hours per calendar month of after-school hours over a period of 2 1/3 years. That does not include the time spent researching the internet.

19. Other opportunities present themselves as a result of participating in WASDI. Vendors and publications discovered me a couple months after "graduating" from WASDI. I also began receiving notices of professional in-services. I recently applied and was accepted to participate in an on-line Eisenhower-sponsored workshop titled "Internet Applications in Statistics" sponsored by University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. Participants will meet each other at a one-day event.

20. **Please help support the Shibilski motion to continue this critical program. Your support will be greatly appreciated by all Wisconsin's schools working hard to upgrade to Wisconsin's Model Academic Standards.**

**JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
April 3, 2001**

**MEMBERS OF THE JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Welcome to Marshfield! I would like to thank you on your efforts to be out in the state taking testimony on the State Budget. I hope that you will enjoy your visit to our fine community of Marshfield and a part of Senator Shibilskis' Senate District.

My comments are directed to four specific areas of the budget:

- **School board flexibility under the revenue caps**
- **Reduction of support for Summer School**
- **Need for increased support for mandated special education**
- **Non fiscal policy issues contained in the budget**

**THE NEED FOR SOME FLEXIBILITY UNDER THE REVENUE CAPS:**

School Boards must have some form of flexibility in order to deal with the impact of the unexpected. Declining enrollments are having a severe impact on our district just as they are in many schools across the state. Our school district has declined by 250 students in the past five (5) years. We anticipate a decline of 600 in the next five (5) years. At our per pupil allocation of approximately \$7,000, we'll be down six (6) million dollars in operating money each year due to declining enrollment.

There are areas that are even harder to project such as the increases to health insurance and the rapid rise in heating costs that we saw this past winter.

In Marshfield we were hit this past spring with a health insurance increase of over 30% which amounted to an increase of some \$600,000 that we needed to reduce from our budget over the summer months. Our overall revenue increased by less than \$900,000, forcing us to use two-thirds of our new revenue to pay health insurance. This year we will again see an increase of over 14% or over \$400,000 in health insurance costs.

The method in which the legislature has set up the Revenue Cap allowable increase of \$220 per student and the wording of the QEO or Qualified Economic Offer plus lane changes usually does not cover the increases to the overall budget much less the large and unexpected inflationary increases that we have witnessed in our budgets. Being proposed is a fixed yearly per pupil increase to the Revenue Cap. To do that and not adjust for inflation will add to an already severe budgeting problem.

The result is that we have had to reduce services to our young people. Last year, our gifted and talented program was cut from our elementary schools as a cost savings measure. Our Reading specialist position was eliminated. Staff reductions were made in the areas of Library Media, Art, and Family & Consumer Ed. Our services for students with drug and alcohol abuse as well as a social worker position were reduced. The budget for classroom computers was decreased. Our equipment budget was cut by over \$200,000. This year, we are currently faced with a budget deficit of over \$1,000,000. To balance, we'll need to make reductions in staff, textbooks, athletics, teacher supplies, substitute teachers, and travel. Our current estimates are that we will be faced with million dollar deficits each year for the next five years unless something is done to bring in additional revenue. Soon, there will be no more programs, textbooks, staff, or computers to cut.

We ask that you provide School Districts with some form of flexibility under the Revenue Caps.

### **REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF SUMMER SCHOOL & SAGE FUNDING:**

Schools are being asked to make significant improvements in student achievement and to bring all students up to a proficient level of learning. There is a good deal of research that would indicate that not all students learn at the same rate. Additional learning time can mean the difference between mastery of a topic or not. Summer School is an ideal time to provide that remedial education to our students. Sage helps those students who are most in need of additional help.

We ask that you keep the funding for Summer School at the 40% FTE and SAGE at their current level.

## **INCREASED SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION:**

Special education is a program that is almost impossible for local schools to contain the costs for under the guidelines and mandates that the legislature and Congress have set up. Costs continue to rise to meet parent expectations. School district budgets become skewed toward special education programs protected under state mandates while regular education takes a harder and harder impact.

We have no local control over the costs for these mandated programs and would ask that the state fund more fully the cost of the special education programs.

We certainly appreciate the efforts during the last session to increase the funding for special education, especially the efforts of Senator Shiblilski.

## **POLICY ISSUES NOT OF A FISCAL NATURE:**

There seems to be a large number of non fiscal issues contained in the budget document. These policy issues should have a separate hearing outside of the budget hearing in order for concerns to be properly addressed in the right format. Issues such as Chartering Authority, Scheduling Referenda, school start date, licensure changes, special education guidelines, transfer of assessment to DOA and many more. Those policy issues need to be heard on their own merits.

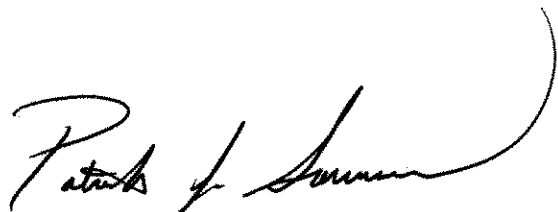
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**We certainly appreciate your visit to Marshfield and your willingness to hear our testimony.**

Sincerely,



Dr. Dave Smette  
Superintendent



Mr. Pat Saucerman  
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These situations and ones such as these are unjust and can be remedied by passing the proposal before you. Please become a hero for the children who are on the Choice Program and pass the proposal.

Thank you for taking the time to read our petition.

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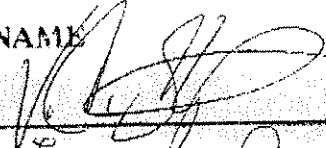
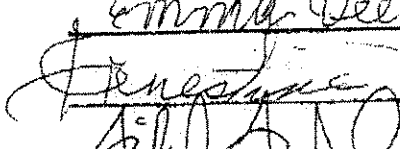
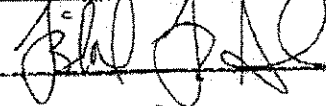
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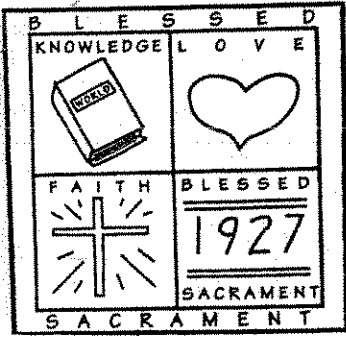
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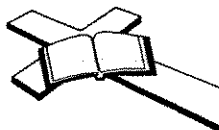
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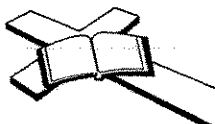
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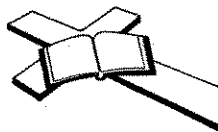
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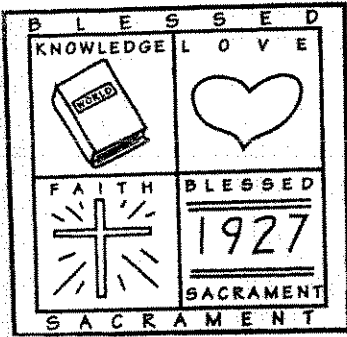
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