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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 14, 2000

Secretary George Lightbourn
Department of Administration
101 East Wilson Street, 10th Floor
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Dear Secretary Lightbourn:

We are writing to inform you that the Joint Committee on Finance has reviewed your request, dated February 28, 2000, for release of \$1,997,300 SEG in 1999-00 from the Finance Committee's appropriation for the TEACH telecommunications access program.

A meeting will be scheduled to further discuss this request. Therefore, the request is not approved at this time.

Sincerely,

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BRIAN BURKE
Senate Chair

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cc: Members, Joint Committee on Finance
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MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Brian Burke
Representative John Gard
Co-Chairs, Joint Committee on Finance

Date: February 28, 2000

Re: 14-Day Passive Review of TEACH Board Telecommunications Access Program
Funding

Attached is a letter from the Executive Director of the TEACH Board requesting release of \$1,997,300 SEG in 1999-00 from the Finance Committee's appropriation for the TEACH telecommunications access program. Under 1999 Act 9 Section 9148(1vt), \$1,997,300 SEG in 1999-00 and \$3,267,100 SEG in 2000-01 was placed in reserve in the Committee's appropriation for release to the TEACH Board for the telecommunications access program under a 14-day passive review process after the receipt of information relating to estimated program demand and finalized annual costs. If the Co-Chairs of the Committee do not notify the Executive Director within 14 working days after receiving the request that a meeting has been scheduled to review the materials, \$1,997,300 SEG in 1999-00 will be released to the TEACH Board.

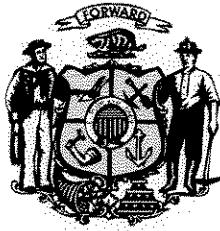
Please review this material and notify **Senator Burke** or **Representative Gard** no later than **Tuesday, March 14, 2000**, if you have concerns about the request or would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

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February 24, 2000

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TEACH staff estimates the installation of 173 new data lines during 1999-2000. However, since 32 data lines installed during 1998-1999 were upgraded to video links this year the net total of data lines operating by June 30, 2000 is expected to be 511.

The total cost of a data line operating at a speed of 1.544 megabits per second (Mbps) is \$640 a month. In addition, TEACH pays a one-time cost of \$350 for each new 1.544 Mbps data line installed. The TEACH Board is responsible for \$540 of the total monthly cost and the educational institution or public library board pays the remaining \$100 a month.

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Table 2 below shows a comparison between overall program costs and the master lease principle and interest share of costs by appropriation.

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We therefore, respectfully request that the Committee approve TEACH telecommunications access program demand and cost projections for Fiscal Year 2000 and release the funds held in the Committee's appropriation.

If you have questions, please contact Mahrie Peterson at (608) 261-7430.

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Existing Contract Grants:

Revenue deducted from grant		-
 Total Revenues	\$	<u>935,950</u>

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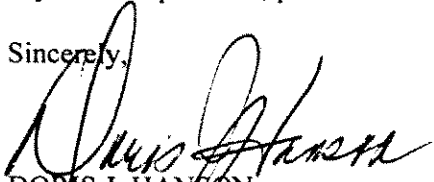
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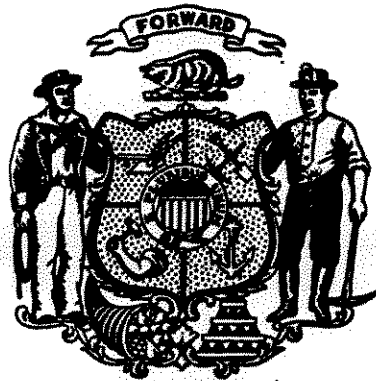
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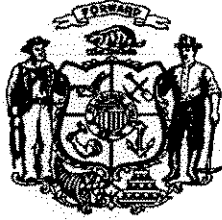


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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 8, 2000

Jane Hojan-Clark
Executive Secretary
Higher Educational Aids Board
131 W. Wilson St.
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Secretary Hojan-Clark:

We are writing to inform you that the Joint Committee on Finance has reviewed the administrative memorandum for the Minnesota-Wisconsin Interstate Tuition Reciprocity Program.

No objections to the memorandum have been raised. Accordingly, the memorandum is approved.

Sincerely,

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Senate Chair

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February 22, 2000

TO: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Bob Lang, Director

SUBJECT: Approval of the Proposed Administrative Memorandum for the Minnesota-Wisconsin
Higher Education Reciprocity Agreement

The Joint Committee on Finance recently received a copy of the proposed 2000-01 administrative memorandum for the Minnesota-Wisconsin higher education tuition reciprocity agreement from the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB). Under s. 39.47(2g) of the statutes, HEAB is required to annually submit the administrative memorandum to the Committee for its approval under a 14-day passive review process. The proposed memorandum was submitted on February 17, 2000. Therefore, if the Committee does not schedule a meeting to review the memorandum by March 8, 2000, HEAB may implement the policies, procedures and reciprocity tuition structure as proposed.

Under the Minnesota-Wisconsin higher education reciprocity agreement, residents of either state can attend public universities and community colleges in the adjacent state without having to pay nonresident tuition. The agreement is negotiated and administered jointly by the Minnesota Higher Educational Services Office (MHESO) and HEAB. The agreement was last renewed on July 1, 1998. As required by statute, the new agreement was approved by the Joint Committee on Finance prior to implementation. Modifications to the agreement that required legislation were codified in 1997 Act 200.

The statutes require that the annual administrative memorandum, which is prepared jointly by MHESO and HEAB, establish policies and procedures for implementation of the reciprocity agreement for the upcoming academic year. The memorandum describes the reciprocity application process and specifies procedures to be followed in determining a student's residency and eligibility. The memorandum also specifies the procedures for determining the reciprocity payment between the states.

Under current law, participating students are charged a "reciprocal fee," which cannot exceed the higher of the resident tuition that would be charged the student at the public institution of higher

education in which the student is enrolled or the resident tuition that would be charged the student at a comparable public institution of higher education located in his or her state of residence. As required by law, the memorandum includes a description of how the reciprocal fee structure is to be determined for the upcoming academic year.

While the statutes allow the administering agencies to set the reciprocal fee at any amount up to the higher of the two states' resident tuition rates, for the most part, the proposed administrative memorandum for the 2000-01 academic year would maintain reciprocal fees for undergraduates at the amount a student would have paid at a comparable institution in his or her home state. Therefore, a Wisconsin resident attending UM-Duluth as an undergraduate would pay the resident tuition amount charged at UW-Milwaukee while an undergraduate attending a Minnesota State University campus or UM-Crookston would pay the weighted average tuition amount charged at the UW System comprehensive campuses. Similarly, Wisconsin residents attending community colleges in Minnesota would pay the tuition amount charged at the UW Colleges.

There are two exceptions to this general fee structure for undergraduate students. First, Minnesota residents attending UW-Stout and UW-Eau Claire pay an amount equal to the weighted average tuition charged at the Minnesota State University campuses plus the differential tuition rates charged to undergraduates at Stout and Eau Claire, provided the total does not exceed the undergraduate tuition charged to Wisconsin residents at those campuses. If the Minnesota weighted average tuition exceeds the Wisconsin resident tuition rate, only the Minnesota average tuition amount is charged. In 1999-00, students enrolled in baccalaureate degree programs at Eau Claire pay an additional \$50 per semester above the regular tuition rate while all undergraduates at Stout pay an additional 5%, or \$130.

The second exception to the general reciprocal fee structure applies to Wisconsin residents enrolled as undergraduates at UM-Twin Cities. When the reciprocity agreement was last renewed in 1998, it specified that for the 1998-99 and 1999-00 academic years, these students would pay an amount equal to the UW-Madison tuition rate plus a "tuition gap surcharge" equal to 25% of the difference between the resident tuition rates at the two campuses. In 1999-00, annual tuition for Wisconsin residents enrolled at UM-Twin Cities was \$3,511 including the surcharge of \$221. The agreement indicates that the impact of the surcharge on enrollments at UM-Twin Cities and on the goal of maintaining a financially equitable agreement would be analyzed to determine whether the surcharge should be continued beyond 1999-00. Under the proposed administrative memorandum, MHESO and HEAB have agreed to continue to impose the tuition gap surcharge for 2000-01.

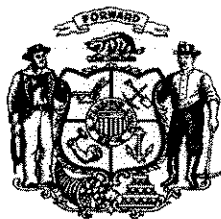
Graduate students from both states who are enrolled under the reciprocity program pay the higher of the two states' resident graduate tuition rates.

The proposed reciprocal fee structure is the same structure that is currently in place for the 1999-00 academic year. Since the administrative memorandum meets the requirements of s. 39.47(2g) of the statutes, the Committee may wish to approve the memorandum as submitted. If there are questions regarding the reciprocity program or the proposed administrative memorandum, please contact this office.

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Brian Burke
Representative John Gard

Re: 14-Day Passive Review Approval

Date: February 23, 2000

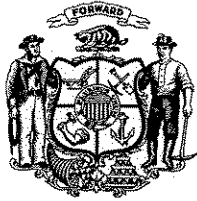
Attached is a copy of the administrative memorandum for the Minnesota-Wisconsin Interstate Tuition Reciprocity Program. The notice is pursuant to s. 39.47 (2g), Stats., which requires 14-day passive review and approval by the Joint Committee on Finance.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Burke** or **Representative Gard** no later than **Tuesday, March 7, 2000**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to discuss it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachment

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February 17, 2000

The Honorable Senator Brian Burke, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative John Gard, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

RE: Administrative Memorandum for the Minnesota-Wisconsin Interstate Tuition Reciprocity Program

Dear Senator Burke, Representative Gard, and Members:

I have attached the Administrative Memorandum for the Minnesota-Wisconsin Interstate Tuition Reciprocity Program. Under S. 39.47 (2g) it is required that this memorandum be submitted to the Joint Committee on Finance for its approval.

The memorandum essentially outlines administrative procedures for the program. It includes the application process, the procedure for computing interstate reimbursement, and tuition rate related information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Hojan-Clark".

Jane Hojan-Clark
Executive Secretary
Higher Educational Aids Board

**ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM FOR THE
MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN INTERSTATE TUITION
RECIPROCITY PROGRAM**

TO: All Interested and Concerned Parties

FROM: Robert Poch, Director
Minnesota Higher Education Services Office
and
Jane Hojan-Clark, Executive Secretary
State of Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board

SUBJECT: Administrative Memorandum for the Minnesota-Wisconsin Interstate
Higher Education Agreement, 2000-2001 Academic Year

DATE: July, 2000

INTRODUCTION

In order to implement the statutory authority and the formal interstate agreement negotiated between the two states, this administrative agreement has been prepared to specify administrative procedures of the program.

DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND PROCEDURES FOR MODIFICATION

This memorandum is subject to the principles and conditions of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Public Higher Education Reciprocity Agreement and is to be effective July 1, 2000. The memorandum is subject to annual review by both administrative agencies.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

To insure procedural regularity and compatibility, the two administering agencies have agreed to follow the procedures outlined in this memorandum:

1. Public Information

After formal adoption of the agreement, each agency executive will direct a detailed written communication regarding the administration of the program to the institutions of post-secondary education, all secondary schools, and other interested individuals, and organizations in his state. Prior to the start of each

academic year, the two administering agencies will cooperatively develop and implement training workshops for personnel from participating institutions of higher education if such workshops are deemed necessary by both agencies.

2. **Application Form**

A common application and procedure will be used in both states. All students from each state will complete the same application and submit it to the respective administering agency in their home states. Both new and continuing students will use the same application. The application will require general and institutional information. Each administering agency will print a supply of applications on paper of a mutually agreed upon color for distribution to institutions of post-secondary education in its home state, and secondary schools in its home state. Either state may adopt a paperless application process, in lieu of or in addition to, the paper application. The student needs to complete one application. This application will provide reciprocity for the student in continuous attendance. Should the student not attend an institution for 365 days, the student must reapply for reciprocity. Should a change in the student's residence occur, the student and/or the institutions must notify the appropriate administering agency in writing of the change.

3. **Residency**

The administering agency in the student's home state will make a determination of residency based on the information provided by the student during the application process. The agency reserves the right to refuse eligibility if the information provided by the student does not substantiate the claim of residency.

4. **Approval and Certification Year**

Once eligibility is determined, it shall continue through the academic year for which certification has been granted. Should a student's residency status for fee assessment purposes change during the academic year, the originating state's responsibility to the student under the agreement will cease with the beginning of the first term following establishment of residency in the other state. The certification year begins with the Fall of each academic year and ends with the last

Summer session or workshop which begins before the first day of the Fall term of the succeeding academic year. The student that is in attendance and has earned credits during the 2000-2001 academic year, will automatically have reciprocity benefits renewed for the 2001-2002 academic year unless notification has been received by the administering agency of a change in residency.

5. **Application Deadline**

Applications must be postmarked or electronically submitted no later than the last day of scheduled classes of the first term for which the student expects to receive benefits under the agreement. Eligibility shall continue for the remainder of the academic/certification year. The administering agencies will cooperate in a mutual exchange of academic calendar information.

6. **Coordinative Procedures**

Periodically throughout the certification year, the administering agencies will exchange alphabetical listings of all residents of their respective states who are participating in the reciprocity program. The administering agencies will also provide alphabetical listings of their state's residents eligible for participation in the agreement to the designated institutions of post-secondary education in the other state. Nothing shall prohibit agencies from exchanging data in electronic format.

7. **Institutional Monitoring**

Each administering agency will be responsible for monitoring institutions in its home state for compliance with the provisions and spirit of the agreement.

PROCEDURE FOR COMPUTATION OF INTERSTATE REIMBURSEMENT

1. **Definition of Terms.**

Terminology used in the computation of the net state interstate reimbursement is described in the Agreement.

2. **Student Categories.**

In determining the net state interstate reimbursement obligation, the following categories of student enrollment institutions and associated instructional costs will

be used:

A. Undergraduate Students

1. Undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Minnesota-Twin Cities and the University of Minnesota-Morris.
2. Undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Minnesota-Duluth.
3. Undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Wisconsin Comprehensive institutions and the Minnesota State Universities and the University of Minnesota-Crookston.
4. Undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Wisconsin System Colleges and the Minnesota Community Colleges.
5. Undergraduate students enrolled at consolidated Minnesota Community and Technical Colleges.

B. Graduate Students

1. Graduate students enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.
2. Graduate students enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Minnesota-Duluth.
3. Graduate students enrolled at the University of Wisconsin Comprehensive institutions and the Minnesota State Universities.

C. Professional Students

1. Law school students enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.
2. Pharm D students enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

The total costs and the reciprocity cost differentials for each of the categories of students and institutions listed in this section will be determined after each state's operating budget for public higher education systems has been finalized. These cost differentials will be based on actual costs per student for the 2000-2001

academic year.

3. **Reciprocity Tuition.**

Institutions covered under this agreement will charge the following reciprocity tuition rates to students who are determined eligible to receive tuition reciprocity benefits during the 2000-2001 academic year.

A. Undergraduate Students

UW-MADISON (per semester term/per semester credit)

Minnesota residents attending UW-Madison will be charged the UM-Twin Cities undergraduate resident tuition rate. Students taking 12-18 credits per term will be charged the per term rate. Students taking 1-11 credits will be charged the per credit rate. Students taking more than 18 credits per term will be charged the term rate plus the per credit rate for each additional credit over 18.

UM-TWIN CITIES (per semester term/per semester credit)

Wisconsin residents attending UM-Twin Cities will be charged the UW-Madison undergraduate resident tuition rate plus 25% of the difference between the UW-Madison undergraduate resident tuition rate and the UM-Twin Cities undergraduate resident rate. Students taking 12-18 credits per term will be charged the per term rate. Students taking 1-11 credits will be charged the per credit rate. Students taking more than 18 credits per term will be charged the term rate plus the per credit rate for each additional credit over 18.

UM-MORRIS (per semester term/per semester credit)

Wisconsin residents attending UM-Morris will be charged the UW-Madison undergraduate resident tuition rate. Students taking 12-18 credits per term will be charged the per term rate. Students taking 1-11 credits will be charged the per credit rate. Students taking more than 18 credits will be charged the

term rate plus the per credit rate for each credit over 18.

UW-MILWAUKEE (per semester term/per semester credit)

Minnesota residents attending UW-Milwaukee will be charged the UM-Duluth undergraduate resident tuition rate. Students taking 12-18 credits per term will be charged the per term rate. Students taking 1-11 credits will be charged by the per credit rate. Students taking more than 18 credits per term will be charged the term rate plus the per credit rate for each additional credit over 18.

UM-DULUTH (per semester term/per semester credit)

Wisconsin residents attending UM-Duluth will be charged the UW-Milwaukee undergraduate resident tuition rate. Students taking 12-18 credits per term will be charged the per term rate. Students taking 1-11 credits will be charged the per credit rate. Students taking more than 18 credits per term will be charged the term rate plus the per credit rate for each additional credit over 18.

WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY COMPREHENSIVE (per semester term/per

semester credit) Minnesota residents attending Wisconsin Comprehensives will be charged a weighted average of the undergraduate resident tuition rates for MN State Universities and UM-Crookston. Minnesota residents attending the University of Wisconsin Stout and Eau Claire campuses will be charged the weighted average plus the tuition differential rates in place at the University of Wisconsin Stout and Eau Claire, the sum of which may not exceed the undergraduate tuition rate charged to Wisconsin residents attending those institutions. If the Minnesota weighted average tuition is larger than the undergraduate tuition rate charged to Wisconsin residents attending the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and Stout campuses, only the Minnesota weighted average tuition will be charged. Students taking 12-18 credits per term will be charged the per term rate. Students taking 1-11 credits will be charged the per credit rate. Students taking more than 18 credits per term will be charged the term rate plus the per credit rate for each

additional credit over 18.

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITIES/UM-CROOKSTON (per semester/per credit) Wisconsin residents attending Minnesota State Universities and UM-Crookston will be charged the weighted average Wisconsin Comprehensive undergraduate resident tuition rate. Students taking 12-18 credits will be charged the per term rate. Students taking 1-11 credits will be charged the per credit rate. Students taking more than 18 credits per term will be charged the term rate plus the per credit rate for each additional credit over 18.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM COLLEGES (per semester term/per semester credit)

Minnesota residents attending University of Wisconsin System Colleges will be charged the Minnesota Community College undergraduate resident tuition. Students taking 12-18 credits will be charged the per term rate. Students taking 1-11 credits will be charged the per credit rate. Students taking more than 18 credits per term will be charged the term rate plus the per credit rate for each additional credit over 18.

MINNESOTA COMMUNITY COLLEGES (per semester term/per credit)

Wisconsin residents enrolled at Minnesota Community Colleges will be charged the University of Wisconsin System College undergraduate resident tuition rate. Students taking 12-18 credits will be charged the per term rate. Students taking 1-11 credits will be charged the per credit rate. Students taking more than 18 credits per term will be charged the term rate plus the per credit rate for each additional credit over 18.

MINNESOTA CONSOLIDATED COLLEGES (per semester term/per credit)

Wisconsin residents enrolled at Minnesota Consolidated Colleges will be charged the University of Wisconsin System College undergraduate resident tuition rate. Students taking 12-18 credits will be charged the per term rate. Students taking 1-11 credits will be charged the per credit rate. Students taking more than 18 credits per term will be charged the term rate plus the per

credit rate for each additional credit over 18.

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Minnesota residents attending Wisconsin Technical Colleges will be charged the Wisconsin Technical College undergraduate resident tuition rate.

MINNESOTA TECHNICAL COLLEGES

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B. Graduate Students

UW-MADISON

Graduate Rate (per semester term/per semester credit) Minnesota residents attending UW-Madison will be charged the higher of the UM-Twin Cities or UW-Madison graduate resident tuition rate. Students taking 8+ credits will be charged the per term rate. Students taking 1-7 credits will be charged the per credit rate.

Business Masters Rate (per semester term/per semester credit) Minnesota residents attending UW-Madison Business Masters program will be charged the higher of the UM-Twin Cities or the UW-Madison Business Masters resident tuition rate if they first enrolled in the program during the 1998-99 academic year or thereafter. Minnesota residents who enrolled in the UW-Madison Business Master program prior to the beginning of the 1998-99 academic year will be charged the UM-Twin Cities graduate school resident tuition rate. Students taking 8+ credits will be charged the per term rate. Students taking 1-7 credits will be charged the per credit rate.

UM-TWIN CITIES

Graduate Rate (per semester term/per semester credit) Wisconsin residents attending UM-Twin Cities will be charged the higher of the UW-Madison graduate resident tuition rate or the UM-Twin Cities graduate resident tuition rate. Tuition plateaus will be based on the banding mechanism in place for the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities Graduate School. (Currently,

students taking 6 - 14 credits are charged the term rate, students taking 1- 5 credits are charged the per credit rate and students taking more than 14 credits are charged the term rate plus the per credit rate for each additional credit over 14 credits. This is subject to any changes taking place for the 2000-2001 academic year.)

Business Masters Rate (per semester term/per semester credit) Wisconsin residents attending UM-Twin Cities will be charged the higher of the UW-Madison Business Masters resident tuition rate or the UM-Twin Cities Business Masters resident tuition rate if they first enrolled in the program during the 1998-99 academic year or thereafter. Wisconsin residents who enrolled in the UM-Twin Cities Business Master programs prior to the beginning of the 1998-99 academic year will be charged the UW-Madison Business Masters program resident tuition rate. Tuition plateaus will be based on the banding mechanism in place for the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities Business Masters Program. (Currently, students taking 12 - 19 credits are charged the term rate, students taking 1- 11 credits are charged the per credit rate and students taking more than 19 credits are charged the term rate plus the per credit rate for each additional credit over 19 credits. This is subject to any changes taking place for the 2000-2001 academic year.) Those students enrolled prior to the first semester of the 1989-90 academic year will be charged the higher of the UW-Madison graduate resident tuition rate or the UM- Twin Cities graduate resident tuition rate.

UW-MILWAUKEE

Graduate Rate (per semester term/per semester credit) Minnesota residents attending UW-Milwaukee will be charged the higher of the UW-Milwaukee graduate resident tuition rate or the UM-Duluth graduate resident tuition rate. Students taking 8+ credits per term will be charged the per term rate. Students taking 1-7 credits will be charged the per credit rate.

Business Masters (per semester term/per semester credit) Minnesota residents attending UW-Milwaukee will be charged the higher of the UW-Milwaukee Business Masters resident tuition rate or the UM-Duluth Business Masters resident tuition rate if they first enrolled in the program during the 1998-99 academic year or thereafter. Minnesota residents who enrolled in

the UW-Milwaukee Business Master program prior to the beginning of the 1998-99 academic year will be charged the UM-Duluth graduate school resident tuition rate. Students taking 8+ credits will be charged the per term rate. Students taking 1-7 credits will be charged by the per credit rate.

UM-DULUTH

Graduate Rate (per semester term/per semester credit) Wisconsin residents attending UM-Duluth will be charged the higher of the UM-Duluth graduate resident tuition rate or the UW-Milwaukee graduate resident tuition rate. Tuition plateaus will be based on the banding mechanism in place for the University of Minnesota - Duluth Graduate School. (Currently, students taking 6 - 14 credits are charged the term rate, students taking 1 - 5 credits are charged the per credit rate and students taking more than 14 credits are charged the term rate plus the per credit rate for each additional credit over 14 credits. This is subject to any changes taking place for the 2000-2001 academic year.)

Business Masters (per semester term/per semester credit) Wisconsin residents attending UM-Duluth will be charged the higher of the UM-Duluth Business Masters resident tuition rate or the UW-Milwaukee Business Masters resident tuition rate if they first enrolled in the program during the 1998-99 academic year or thereafter. Wisconsin residents who enrolled in the UM-Duluth Business Master programs prior to the beginning of the 1998-99 academic year will be charged the UW-Milwaukee Business Masters program resident tuition rate. Tuition plateaus will be based on the banding mechanism in place for the University of Minnesota - Duluth Business Masters Program. (Currently, students taking 12 - 19 credits are charged the term rate, students taking 1 - 11 credits are charged the per credit rate and students taking more than 19 credits are charged the term rate plus the per credit rate for each additional credit over 19 credits. This is subject to any changes taking place for the 2000-2001 academic year.) Those enrolled prior to the first semester of the 1989-90 academic year will be charged the higher of the UW-Milwaukee graduate resident tuition rate or the UM-Duluth graduate resident tuition rate.

WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY COMPREHENSIVE

Graduate Rate (per semester term/per semester credit) Minnesota residents attending Wisconsin University Comprehensives will be charged the higher of the Wisconsin University Comprehensive graduate resident tuition rate or the Minnesota State University graduate resident tuition rate. Students taking 9+ credits will be charged the per term rate. Students taking 1-8 credits will be charged by the per credit rate.

Business Masters (per semester term/per semester credit) Minnesota residents attending Wisconsin University Comprehensive Business Masters will be charged the higher of the Wisconsin University Comprehensive Business Masters resident tuition rate or the Minnesota State University Business Masters resident tuition rate. Students taking 9+ credits will be charged the per term rate. Students taking 1-8 credits will be charged by the per credit rate.

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITIES

Graduate Rate (per semester credit) Wisconsin residents attending Minnesota State Universities will be charged the higher of the Minnesota State Universities graduate resident tuition rate or the Wisconsin University Comprehensive graduate resident tuition rate. Tuition plateaus will be based on the banding mechanism in place for the Minnesota State Universities graduate programs.

Business Masters (per semester credit) Wisconsin residents attending Minnesota State Universities Business Masters will be charged the higher of the Minnesota State Universities Business Masters resident tuition rate or the Wisconsin University Comprehensive Business Masters resident tuition rate. Tuition plateaus will be based on the banding mechanism in place for the Minnesota State Universities Business Masters program. Those students enrolled prior to the first semester of the 1989-90 academic year will be charged the higher of the Minnesota State Universities graduate resident tuition rate or the Wisconsin University Comprehensive graduate resident tuition rate.

C. Professional Students

UW-MADISON

Law (per semester term/per semester credit) Minnesota residents enrolled at UW-Madison Law school will be charged the higher of the UW-Madison Law school resident tuition rate or the UM-Twin Cities Law school resident tuition rate. Students taking 12+ credits will be charged the per term rate. Students taking 1-11 credits will be charged by the per credit rate.

Pharm.D. (per semester term/per semester credit) **Minnesota** residents enrolled at UW-Madison Pharm.D. will be charged the higher of the UW-Madison Pharm.D. resident tuition rate or the UM-Twin Cities Pharm.D. resident tuition rate. Students taking 12+ credits will be charged the per term rate. Students taking 1-11 credits will be charged by the per credit rate.

UM-TWIN CITIES

Law (per semester term/per semester credit) Wisconsin residents who enrolled at the UM-Twin Cities Law school after the 1995-96 academic year will be charged the higher of the UM-Twin Cities Law School resident tuition rate or the UW-Madison Law school resident tuition rate. Tuition plateaus will be based on the banding mechanism in place for the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities Law School. (Currently, students taking 12 or more credits are charged the term rate and students taking 1- 11 credits are charged the per credit rate This is subject to any changes taking place for the 2000-2001 academic year.) Wisconsin residents who enrolled at the UM-Twin Cities Law School before or during the 1995-96 academic year will be charged the UW-Madison Law school resident tuition rate.

Pharm.D. (per semester term/per semester credit) Wisconsin residents attending UM-Twin Cities Pharm.D. will be charged the higher of the UM-Twin Cities Pharm.D. resident tuition rate or the UW-Madison Pharm.D. resident tuition rate. Tuition plateaus will be based on the banding mechanism in place for the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities College of Pharmacy. (Currently, students taking 12 or more credits are charged the term rate and students taking 1- 11 credits are charged the per credit rate. This is subject to any changes taking place for the 2000-2001 academic year.)

Eligible students enrolled in professional academic programs not available in their home state will be charged the resident tuition of the school attended.

4. **Institutional Procedures.**

After each academic term, each administering agency will provide three copies of the cooperatively designed final certification (enrollment status) list to the other state's participating public institutions. The list will include the names of all students who have been certified as eligible for participation in the reciprocity agreement during that term. Using these lists, each institution will enter the number of credits carried by category (undergraduate or graduate) and the amount of the reciprocity tuition paid by each student certified. The institutions will cross out the names of these certified students who did not enroll or withdrew at any time during the period of that term for which the student is eligible for a tuition/fee refund. The institutions will certify by signature for correctness of this data and will send two copies of this completed certification list to the administering agency in their home states. Nothing shall prohibit participating schools and agencies from exchanging data in electronic format.

5. **Agency Procedures.**

A. Each administering agency will be responsible for the timely return of the completed certification lists from the institutions in its home state. The administering agency will forward one copy of each institution's completed certification list to the administering agency in the other state.

B. The data provided by the institutions for each term on the certification lists will be balanced for each institution and any adjustments adequately documented for subsequent auditing.

C. Once the data for each term have been balanced, a copy of the results will be supplied to the agency in the other state, along with a report of the number of undergraduate and graduate students for whom nonresident tuition has been waived under the agreement. Each state will certify to the other state the number of students, the number of credits carried and the total amount of reciprocity tuition paid by each student at each institution. Student and credit hour totals for each

institution will be grouped by category and the school and category totals will be grouped by each agency. This information will be used by each state to facilitate the computation of the net interstate reimbursement obligation and to monitor institutional reporting. The deadline for such reconciliation for each term shall be 90 days from the conclusion of that term. Subsequent changes to institutional certifications shall be only with consent of both agencies.

D. The net state reimbursement obligation will be calculated and paid in a manner described in the Agreement.

6. **Common Data Format and Coordinated Planning.**

To insure compatibility of information pertaining to the program, both agencies will adopt a common data format and share data maintenance and reporting responsibilities.

To improve the information about the program for purposes of research, planning and evaluation, both agencies agree to collect and maintain any mutually agreed upon data.

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 8, 2000

Governor Tommy Thompson
Room 125 South, State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

Dear Governor Thompson:

We are writing to inform you that the members of the Joint Committee on Finance have reviewed your February 18, 2000, request, pursuant to s. 16.54(2)(a)2, Stats., concerning the expenditure of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant funds being made available to the state by the federal government.

No objections have been raised concerning this request. Accordingly, the request is approved.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Brian Burke in black ink.

BRIAN BURKE
Senate Chair

Handwritten signature of John Gard in black ink.

JOHN GARD
Assembly Chair

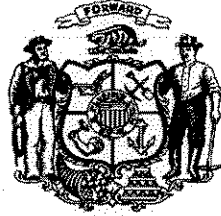
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cc: Members, Joint Committee on Finance
Richard Chandler, State Budget Office
Vicky LaBelle, Department of Administration

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Brian Burke
Representative John Gard
Co-Chairs, Joint Committee on Finance

Re: 14 Day Passive Review Approval of Federal Block Grant Funds

Date: February 18, 2000

Attached is a copy of a request from the Governor, received February 18, 2000, seeking approval of the expenditure of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant funds being made available to the state by the federal government.

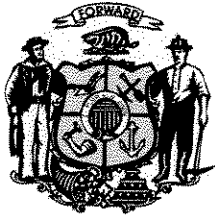
Pursuant to s. 16.54(2)(a)2, Stats., the Governor may not encumber or expend federal block grant funds authorized under any federal law enacted after August 31, 1995, without notifying the Joint Committee on Finance of the grant and the proposed expenditures. If the Co-Chairs of the Committee do not notify the Governor within 14 working days after receiving the request that a meeting has been scheduled to review the proposal, the moneys may be expended.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Burke** or **Representative Gard** no later than **Tuesday, March 7, 2000**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to discuss it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

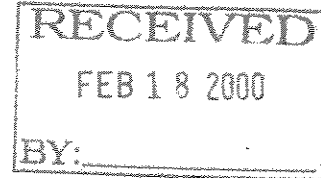
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TOMMY G. THOMPSON

**Governor
State of Wisconsin**



The Honorable Brian Burke, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
State Capitol, Room 316 South
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

The Honorable John Gard, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
State Capitol, 315 North
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

SUBJECT: Notification of Federal Block Grant

Dear Senator Burke and Representative Gard:

Attached is a request for expenditure of block grant funds being made available to the state by the federal government. Pursuant to s. 16.54(2)(a)2., the grant funds will be made available for encumbering through the allotment process within 14 working days after the date of this notification letter, unless you notify me that a meeting has been scheduled for the Joint Committee on Finance to review the proposed expenditure of grant monies.

Please also contact State Budget Director Richard G. Chandler (266-1035) in the Department of Administration if you have any additional questions or if you schedule a meeting to review the proposed expenditure.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this notification letter.

Sincerely,

TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

Date: 2-15-2000

Attachments



Tommy G. Thompson
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Linda Stewart, Ph.D.
Secretary



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January 27, 2000

George Lightbourn, Secretary
Wisconsin Department of Administration
DOA State Office Building, 10th Floor
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Secretary Lightbourn:

The Department of Workforce Development requests federal expenditure authority under s. 16.54(2)(a) for expenditure of \$1,000,000 funds from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant under s. 20.445(3)(md). Of these funds, \$500,000 will be made available to the Department of Administration (DOA) in the appropriation under 20.505(7)(kg) and will be used to support agencies that provide services to homeless individuals that are TANF-eligible. The remaining \$500,000 will be made available to the Department of Workforce Development under s.20.445(3)(md) and will be used for emergency assistance to low income families who are determined to be at risk of becoming homeless.

Based on the Governor's direction, under this request, the Department and DOA will use the funding to provide resources to serve homeless persons during this winter. Since the magnitude of need for homeless assistance is uncertain, TANF funds will be used to support an expansion of shelter services available to TANF-eligible families. Recipients of TANF funds will be required to document that the TANF funds are spent on TANF eligible persons.

We currently project an unobligated balance of \$9,372,200 in TANF funds at the end of the 99-01 biennium. The funds made available to DOA and DWD for homeless programs would be deducted from this unobligated balance.

If there are any questions on this issue please contact Orlando Canto.

Sincerely,

Linda Stewart, Ph.D.
Secretary

Attachment

Request to use TANF funds to address homelessness

The Department of Workforce Development is requesting authority under s. 16.54(2)(a) for expenditure of \$1,000,000 funds from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant. Of these funds, \$500,000 will be made available to the Department of Administration (DOA) and will be used to support agencies that provide services to homeless individuals that are TANF-eligible with up to 50% of the funds being used for drug and alcohol services for homeless individuals. The remaining \$500,000 will be made available to the Department of Workforce Development and will be used for emergency assistance to low income families who are determined to be at risk of becoming homeless.

DOA – State Shelter Subsidy program

The State Shelter Subsidy grant is funded through state GPR funds available to agencies that provide generic homeless shelter and services to individuals and families. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds are a combination of federal and state funds that are available to TANF eligible families through the W2 program.

Currently there are 36 shelter programs that will receive State Shelter Subsidy grant funds in CY 2000. The funds are distributed on the basis of the percentage of the number of shelter nights provided by each program. Milwaukee County receives 31%, Dane County receives 25% and the balance of the State receives the remaining 44% of the funding. \$1.4 million has been allocated for CY 2000.

Upon the approval of this request, DOA will allocate their portion of the funds to shelter programs based upon shelter nights, TANF eligibility, and TANF caseload. Using this formula, Milwaukee will receive approximately 66% of the funds, Dane County will receive 13% and the balance of the State will receive approximately 21% of the funds. Agencies that receive funding will need to expand their data collection to be able to account for the number of persons served with the additional TANF funds and to identify the number of persons receiving substance abuse services.

Homeless shelter programs that provide shelter and services to single persons have been excluded from the list of potential grantees since, although they may serve a TANF eligible population, their children are not a part of the household in the emergency shelter.

DOA will work with the DHFS Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) to determine best practices that can be replicated using these funds and to implement simple performance and reporting expectations. DOA will also coordinate the effort to refer participants in the short-term programs in Milwaukee that are funded by the TANF funds into the longer term Milwaukee Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Treatment Program for TANF Funded Individuals and Families.

DOA will work with DWD to facilitate the transfer of the \$500,000 in TANF funds so that they may be allocated expeditiously and with appropriate reporting to DWD. DOA will ensure that the expenditure of the TANF funds are consistent with federal TANF regulations.

DWD - Emergency Assistance

The Emergency Assistance (EA) program is designed to meet the immediate needs of eligible persons facing a current emergency. The emergency must be due to fire, flood, natural disaster, energy crisis, homelessness or impending homelessness. EA is intended to avoid destitution of a child and provide living arrangements for the child in a home. It is not necessary for individuals to receive any other forms of public assistance in order to receive EA. W-2 agencies are responsible for administration of EA. However, in Milwaukee, the EA program is administered by the Milwaukee County Human Services Agency through a subcontract with the American Red Cross.

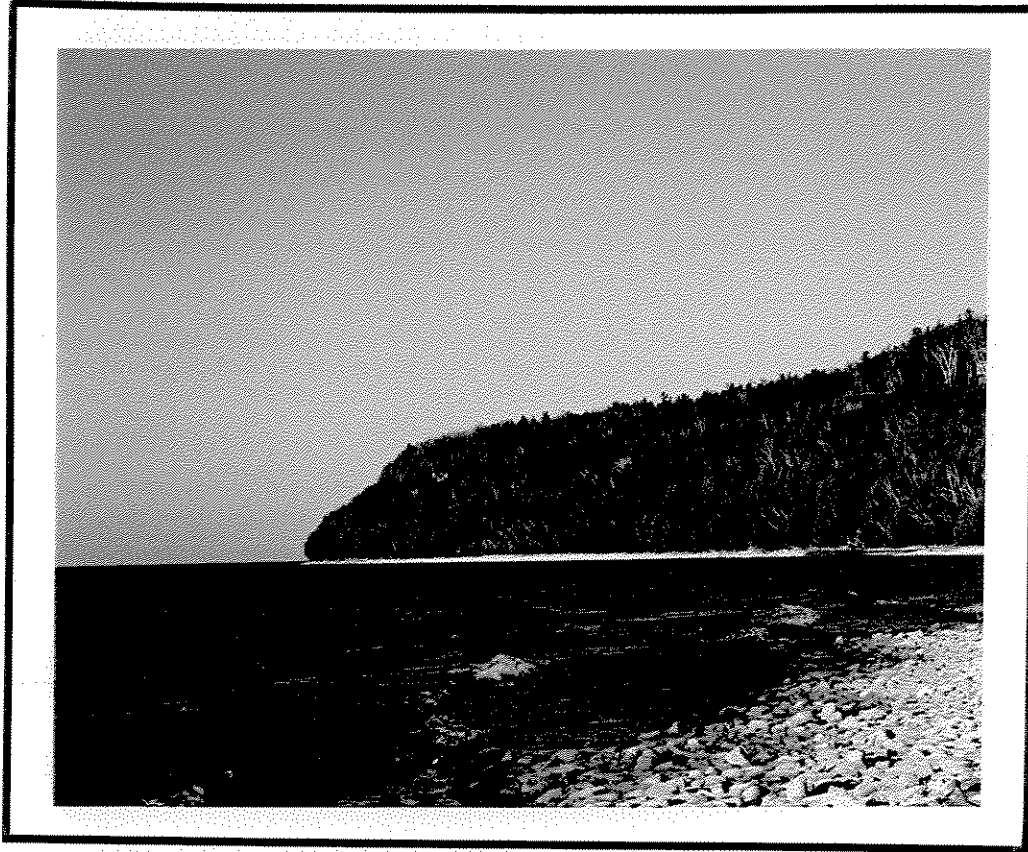
An EA group must contain a child under age 18 and a caretaker relative with whom a child is living. Each member of the EA group must be a resident of Wisconsin and a citizen or qualifying alien, as defined under W-2 policy. The amount of the EA payment is the lower of:

- \$150 for each eligible EA group member;
- the amount requested by the group; or
- the total financial need due to the emergency.

The actual amount of necessary unpaid monthly expenses (housing, food, utilities, transportation, medical and child care) is considered when determining the total financial need of the group. If an individual does not agree with the agency's decision regarding EA eligibility or payment amount, a W-2 Fact Finding Review may be requested.

Under this request, an additional \$500,000 would be made available to the EA program. This will ensure that more families in need of emergency housing assistance are able to access the resources offered by the Department through the W-2 agencies.

ELLISON BLUFF COUNTY PARK



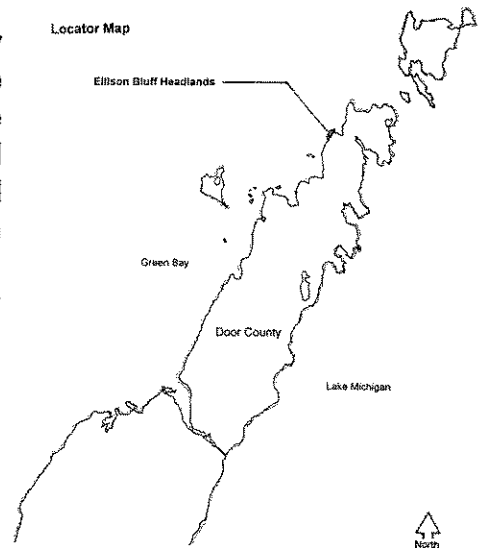
"The limestone headlands of Door County as they emerge out of the blue waters of Green Bay, are geologically one of the most outstanding natural monuments in our Country. Only one, and the most important of them all, the Ellison Bay Headlands, remains in private hands. They too must be preserved."

Door County Park Board Report on Activities, 1945

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Ellison Bluff County Park

On the northern tip of the peninsula between Green Bay and Lake Michigan lies Door County, Wisconsin. The County was named for the strait of water separating the peninsula from Washington Island. Given its geographical setting amidst the waters, Door County historically served as a destination point for fishermen and fur traders, an influence which later gave birth to a strong shipbuilding industry and maritime tradition in the area. Door County has become a premier tourist and a vacation home destination offering recreational opportunities, at both the local and regional levels. Most recently the County has been rated as the number one vacation destination in Wisconsin. All these factors have led to a steady increase in residential property values.



The Door County Parks System was established in the first half of this century as a first-class park system for its residents and the general public. Door County currently owns 639 acres of park land. From its onset, the Door County Park Board members and advisors, including renowned landscape architect Jens Jensen, recognized "the importance of preserving lands for their esthetic, their spiritual, their economic and their recreational value..." *Door County Park Board Report on Activities, 1945*

Rising 200 feet above the Bay's water level, the Ellison Bluff Headlands are primarily composed of two sites, one owned by the County, the Ellison Bluff County Park, an 88 acre park acquired in 1950. Directly southwest of the Ellison Bluff County Park is the ±86 acre property owned by Mr. B. W. Heineman. Both properties, the Ellison Bluff County Park and the Heineman property share ecological and geological traits. A densely wooded two-tiered rock terrace formation stretches throughout the two properties and is home to forests of red oaks, white ash, sugar maples, birch and hemlock. These terraced cliffs form part of a larger rock formation known as the Niagara Escarpment which extends all the way from New York state to Wisconsin. The escarpment was formed by glacial processes and contains fossil-rich sedimentary bedrock. The free face, sheer in places, contains

sufficient ledges and fractures to support a "vertical forest" of white cedar. One white cedar found on the site was determined to be 250 years old. Most recently a number of land snail species thought long extinct have been observed living in the escarpment cliffs. The Ellison Bluff is currently under consideration for designation as a State Natural Area.

Walking through the Ellison Bluff forest, standing at the edge of its precipices, listening to the sounds of the water and the rustle of the fallen leaves evokes a sense of peace. The topography and its proximity to the water offer spectacular views. This pristine landscape hosts an array of



unique resources of ecological, scenic and inspirational values, all which help to protect and ensure the quality of life in Door County.

An outstanding feature of the park is the three-quarter mile drive to the park through the woods and forest which form the eastern edge of the Heineman property. Park improvements include picnic tables, a fire ring and grill, restroom facilities, parking and a scenic overlook of Green Bay and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. In 1997 the existing park road was improved to provide safer access for busses and motor homes, and the parking area was reorganized.

As growth explodes into the landscape, pristine places such as the Ellison Bluff County Park become prey to the pressures of development. Fifty years after the acquisition of the first part of the Ellison Bluff Headlands, we are faced with an unparalleled and rare opportunity to conserve this resource as a community treasure and to build upon the legacy and vision of those who came before us. The purpose to conserve this majestic parcel of land "will be inspirational as well as recreational. [Its] scenic and primitive beauty must never be spoiled if [it] is to inspire our children as we have been inspired." *Door County Park Board Report on Activities, 1945*

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity now exists to acquire this unique local and regional treasure and to expand the existing Ellison Bluff County Park. The Park's expansion would enlarge the existing physical park boundaries and increase its amenities to include potential scenic overlooks and hiking trails that could connect existing park infrastructure.

Most importantly, the acquisition of the Heinemann property would ensure that the Ellison Bluff Headlands are conserved as a whole, rather than a fragmented piece. This is the last chance to protect a significant contiguous piece of high quality escarpment and associated forest community. Conserving the Headlands in its entirety will create a significant local and regional resource that will further sustain the quality of life in Door County helping to ensure that it remains a desirable place to live and visit.

"Here no man's foot should
trod except with reverence
and understanding."

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