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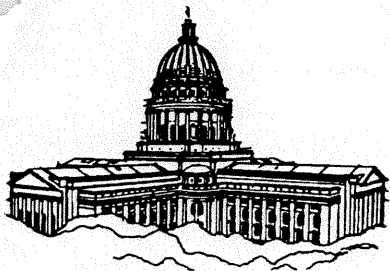
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Signature: Shirley Handorf

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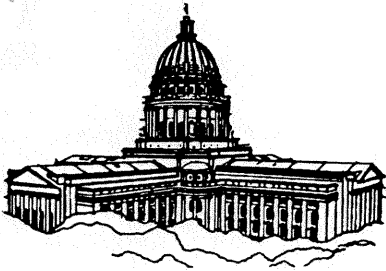
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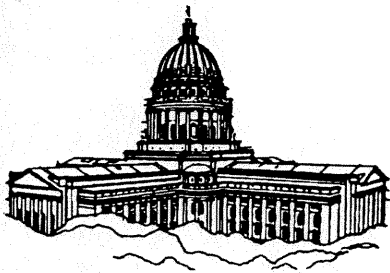
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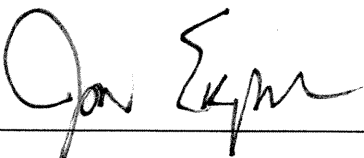
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Signature: James Bumpert
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**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AMENDMENT MEMO**

2001 Assembly Bill 492

**Senate Amendment __
(LRBa1053/1)**

Memo published: January 28, 2002

Contact: Russ Whitesel, Senior Staff Attorney (266-0922)

Current Law

Under current law, the TEACH (Technology for Educational Achievement in Wisconsin) Board is authorized to award educational communication access grants to private schools including sectarian schools that had in effect in 1997 contracts for access to data lines or video links.

In a court decision issued on April 27, 2000 (*Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc. v. Mark D. Bugher*, No. 99-2850), the United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit affirmed a district court decision that held that awarding these grants to sectarian schools violated the establishment clause of the United States and Wisconsin Constitutions because the provision of direct aid to sectarian schools had the principle effect of advancing religion. Specifically, the 7th Circuit noted that the grant program was unconstitutional because there were no statutory provisions or administrative enforcements to ensure that the grants were not used for religious purposes.

Assembly Bill 492 provides that a recipient of an educational communications access grant may use the grant moneys awarded by the TEACH Board only for educational technology purposes and may not use grant moneys for sectarian worship, sectarian instruction or proselythization. The bill requires that each private school that receives a grant to file an annual expenditure report with the TEACH Board and requires segregation of grant moneys in a separate account that is subject to state audit. Finally, the bill requires a private school that uses the grant moneys for a prohibited purpose to reimburse the TEACH Board and provides that the private school is ineligible for additional educational communication access grants.

Senate Amendment — (LRBa1053/1)

Senate Amendment __ (LRBa1053/1) makes the following changes in the original legislation:

1. Limits grants under the bill to “telecommunications access” rather than allowing grants for “educational technology purposes.”
2. Removes the requirement that “educational technology purposes” be defined by the TEACH Board by rule. The board would retain its general rule-making authority under s. 44.73 (1), Stats., but would not be required to adopt rules specifically defining “educational technology purposes.”

The amendment makes no other changes in the original legislation.

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WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

TO: State Senator Richard Grobschmidt, Chair
Members, Senate Committee on Education

FROM: M. Colleen Wilson, Associate Director

DATE: January 9, 2002

RE: Support for AB 492

Good morning. The Wisconsin Catholic Conference greatly appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of AB 492. We thank Senator Grobschmidt for scheduling a hearing on this issue.

We speak today on behalf of the 81,500 students attending Catholic schools all over this state. Several of the 390 Catholic schools in Wisconsin benefit from the Educational Telecommunications Access program, which lets Catholic schools, as well as public schools and other religious and independent schools, bring 21st century technology into their classrooms. Under the program, participating schools get discounts for wiring needed for Internet access or video links that can enhance a student's educational experience.

AB 492 affects only a handful of schools – schools that made a decision early on to make the possibilities of technology a classroom reality, and were therefore eligible for a cash grant from TEACH. We applaud their foresight, and believe that AB 492 includes the mechanisms necessary to insure that the grants are not used in violation of our Constitution. The language requiring that the grant money be kept in a separate account is similar to requirements that religious and independent schools follow when they receive federal funds under the Eisenhower program.

In recent years, the US Supreme Court has issued decisions that recognize that there are instances where government aid to religious schools is appropriate, and not a threat to the constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion. AB 492 assures the Educational Telecommunications Access Program will be consistent with this jurisprudence by clearly identifying how these monies - which are not government money but rather government-administered monies - are to be used to the benefit of all children. We respectfully request the Committee's support for AB 492.



Carol Roessler
STATE SENATOR

To: Senator Rick Grobschmidt, Chair
Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Senator Carol Roessler

Date: January 9, 2002

Re: Assembly Bill 492, relating to use of educational telecommunications access program grants

Background

The TEACH Board (Technology for Educational Achievement Board) was created in the 1997-98 Wisconsin Budget Act to administer the Educational Telecommunications Access program, which is funded by increased rates charged to telecommunications customers. Under the program, private elementary and secondary schools and colleges, cooperative educational service organizations, public library boards, and public school districts are able to request that the TEACH board provide them with access to one data line or video link, which enables the user to access the Internet.

1997 Wisconsin Act 237 amended the program to provide grants to school districts and private schools that had contracts for access to a data line or video line in effect on October 14, 1997.

The Problem

In November of 1998, the Freedom from Religion Foundation challenged the unrestricted cash grants to religious schools portion of the program on the grounds that it was unconstitutional. U.S. District Court Judge John Shabaz ruled that the current statutory restrictions were insufficient to prevent possible diversion of the grant funds by a religious school for a religious purpose. The U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the District Court's ruling in September 2000 stating that the current state statutes did not effectively guarantee that the aid derived from public funds would be used exclusively for secular, neutral or non-ideological purposes.

The Solution

Impose further restrictions on the use of TEACH funds by private schools.

Assembly Bill 492

Assembly Bill 492 bill requires private schools to segregate TEACH grant funding into separate accounts that could be subject to a state audit. Money that is used improperly would have to be reimbursed to the TEACH board. The bill does not require new spending. About eight schools would have received \$68, 748 in the 2000-2001 Budget if the court restriction had not been in place. TEACH put money aside in the universal fund. Both the Departments of Administration and Justice have reviewed AB492 to make sure it met the standard set by the court rulings.

Testmony of State Representative Steve Wieckert
Regarding Assembly Bill 426 (Telecommunications Access Grants)
Before the Senate Committee on Education
January 9, 2002

Mister Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak in favor of a bill that I support strongly and am quite familiar with.

I authored similar language during last year's budget cycle, but the language was removed prior to the budget being signed into law. I have worked with Doris Hanson, the administrator of the TEACH program in developing almost identical legislation which has the support of the TEACH program and would satisfy any constitutional requirements. I have met numerous times with private schools principals and teachers in my district, and they have told me time and time again that fulfilling the original intent of these funds would dramatically improve the quality of education they can provide to their students – the children of our constituents.

The original legislative intent of this statute was to include all of Wisconsin's schools, public or private, sectarian or non-sectarian. The scope was restricted as a result of a Supreme Court ruling that there wasn't sufficient separation of church and state. This bill provides the separation required by law by mandating that the funds be kept in a segregated account and by requiring that the grant be reimbursed if a school uses the funds for a prohibited purpose. In doing so, it honors the original intent of this law.

I encourage you to approve this bill and allow it to be heard by the full Senate. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have at this time.

January 9, 2002

TO: State Senator Richard Grobschmidt
Members of the Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Judd T. Schemmel, Executive Director

RE: Support of AB 492

The Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools, a statewide organization representing more than 700 K-12 religious and independent schools, and 130,000 students, appreciates the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of AB 492. We regret that scheduling conflicts prohibit us from presenting this testimony in person.

The Educational Telecommunications Access Program (ETAP), administered by the Technology for Education Achievement or "TEACH" Board, promotes technology-based learning in both public and religious/independent schools. For most religious and independent schools, the program affords them an opportunity to access a state provided data line or video link, the cost for which is heavily subsidized. However, for a small number forward thinking religious and independent schools who contracted with private data line or video link providers before the creation of TEACH, the program has meant an ability to maintain these private relationships, in part, through receipt of direct cash grants from TEACH. AB 492 preserves these schools ability to participate in the direct grant aspect of TEACH.

The scope of AB 492 is very limited. Under the legislation, only those religious and independent schools who entered into an agreement with a private data line or video link provider before the creation of TEACH are eligible for the direct grants. These schools include:

1. Divine Savior Holy Angels, Milwaukee
2. Edgewood High School, Madison
3. Lourdes High School, Oshkosh
4. Luther Prep., Watertown
5. Jewish Day, Milwaukee
6. St. Eugene School, Fox Point
7. Messmer High School, Milwaukee
8. Xavier High School, Appleton

Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Association of
Christian Schools International

Christian Schools International

Diocese of Green Bay

Diocese of LaCrosse

Diocese of Madison

Diocese of Superior

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Missouri Synod
North Wisconsin District

Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod
South Wisconsin District

Wisconsin Association of
Independent Schools

Wisconsin Conference of
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Western Wisconsin District

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WCRIS Testimony
Supporting AB 492
1/9/02

In addition, by including language that requires schools to segregate grant proceeds from other income, monitor disbursements to ensure direct grants are used only for "educational technology purposes," and provides penalties for those schools who fail to comply with these restrictions, the language of AB 492 creates a program that is manageable for the affected schools, and consistent with the protections necessary to guard against violations of our constitutional guarantees.

Again, we thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony, and respectfully ask for your support of AB 492.

Wagnitz, John

From: Kim Hammen
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 11:27 AM
To: Sen.Grobschmidt@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Bill 492

Dear Sen. Grobschmidt - I am writing briefly to express my thoughts on the funding of distance learning for private schools. I do not feel that our receiving government funds for this program in any way violates church/separation concerns. The monies are not used for any religious purpose, and simply offer our students the same educational opportunities allowed their public school peers. Our student's families pay the same taxes that public school students do, yet they do not cost the public schools anything. They in fact save the schools thousands, if not millions of dollars by their absence. I would ask that you vote in support of Bill 492. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kim Hammen

Wagnitz, John

From: Ruth Schmelzer [schmelzer@familink.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 10:35 AM
To: Sen.Grobschmidt@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Assembly Bill 492



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Please respond with a YES vote on Assembly Bill 492. Private/parochial schools depend on it, too!!
Thank you!
Ruth

John J. Biese Jr.
920-731-7797

As "elected" Officials, I trust you to support Assembly Bill 492.

Respectfully,
Colleen Baehnman
Dear Senator Grobschmidt:

It is my understanding that this bill comes before you this afternoon. It is also my understanding that this bill will allow parochial schools in the state to have access to tax dollars to provide data and video links. A lawsuit was filed to prevent this money from reaching our kids. This summer however it was determined that this kind of tax dollar help is not unconstitutional.

Therefore, I am asking that you support this legislation to help our kids.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Judith A. Howard

Kim Hammen [khammen@xavier.k12.wi.us]

Wagnitz, John

From: Sbwhig@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 10:39 AM
To: Sen.Grobschmidt@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: PLEASE support Assembly Bill 492
Senator Richard Grobschmidt, Chairperson
State of Wisconsin Senate Education Committee

Dear Chairperson Grobschmidt,

This afternoon, the Senate Education Committee can support legislation that will extend a great learning opportunity to a valuable portion of the state's youth. Bill 492 will allow the Wisconsin TEACH Board to once again fund distance learning classes offered by parochial schools.

These classes are typically taken by some of Wisconsin's best and brightest students. To deny this funding would likely jeopardize this program in most parochial schools, thus denying these students -- and the state -- from getting the most from the KSCADE distance learning network.

To be blunt, a vote against Bill 492 would make no sense.

Please do what makes sense for the children of this state. Support Bill 492 and reinstate the funding for distance learning classes in parochial schools.

Thank you,
Anne Higgins
District 57 -- Appleton, WI

Wagnitz, John

From: Sherman, Bruce [bsherman@azco-inc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 10:21 AM
To: 'Sen.Grobschmidt@legis.state.wi.us'; 'Sen.Shibilski@legis.state.wi.us';
'Sen.Baumgart@legis.state.wi.us'; 'Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us';
'Sen.Erpenbach@legis.state.wi.us'; 'Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us';
'Sen.Darling@legis.state.wi.us'; 'Sen.Lazich@legis.state.wi.us';
'Sen.Harsdorf@legis.state.wi.us'; 'Sen.Kanavas@legis.state.wi.us';
'Sen.Ellis@legis.state.wi.us'
Subject: Assembly bill 492

I'm asking that you support Assembly Bill 492

Thank You
Bruce Sherman
3014 W Seneca Dr
Appleton Wi 54914

Wagnitz, John

From: Ellen Amick [eamick@xavier.k12.wi.us]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 10:18 AM
To: sen.baumgart@legis.state.wi.us; sen.darling@legis.state.wi.us; sen.ellis@legis.state.wi.us; sen.erpenbach@legis.state.wi.us;
sen.grobschmidt@legis.state.wi.us; sen.harsdorf@legis.state.wi.us; sen.jauch@legis.state.wi.us; sen.kanavas@legis.state.wi.us;
sen.kazich@legis.state.wi.us; sen.robson@legis.state.wi.us; sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us; sen.shiblski@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Assembly Bill 492

If ever there was a time you could help so many students and families - now is the time with Assembly Bill 492. As a parent of three who went through both public and parochial systems, I feel it is imperative that this bill be passed to help lift the burden on those in the parochial system. The monies that would come to the schools would not only have a tremendous educational impact on the students but also help defray costs otherwise incurred by those families attending the system.

The families involved in the parochials schools not only pay their taxes along with all other residents of Wisconsin but we help defray the cost to the public school system by sending our children to the parochial system. If the families one day decided to send their students to public schools - the public system could never handle the numbers.

As a parent, we have made many sacrifices to send our children through the parochial system and feel Assembly Bill 492 is very important to the future students coming through the system.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Ellen Amick

Wagnitz, John

From: Matt Reynebeau [mreynebeau@xavier.k12.wi.us]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 10:17 AM
To: Sen. Baumgart@legis.state.wi.us; Sen. Darling@legis.state.wi.us; Sen. Erpenbach@legis.state.wi.us; Sen. Grobschmidt@legis.state.wi.us;
Sen. Harsdorf@legis.state.wi.us; Sen. Jauch@legis.state.wi.us; Sen. Kanavas@legis.state.wi.us; Sen. Lazich@legis.state.wi.us; Sen. Robson@legis.state.wi.us;
Sen. Roessler@legis.state.wi.us; Sen. Shibilski@legis.state.wi.us
Cc: Sen. Ellis@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Bill 492

Dear Senator,

I am writing to you to urge you to support Bill 492 at your hearing today. This is crucial legislation for Xavier High School.

Last summer, the suit brought by the Freedom from Religion Foundation against the TEACH Board was settled in circuit court. It was found that money provided to parochial schools from the state for technology is constitutional. This was also the determination by the U.S. Supreme Court in a recent decision. Therefore, there is no legal reason to oppose this legislation.

The question is whether all Wisconsin students, whether they attend parochial, private or public schools, have equal opportunities in education. I don't believe that it is in the best interest of our society to have two classes of education when it comes to technology. The State of Wisconsin needs all of our students to be technologically literate.

This legislation is especially important to Xavier High School because three years' worth of TEACH Board money has been set aside in an escrow account for Xavier pending this legislation. This money is intended to subsidize the costs for being a part of the KSCADE distance learning network. All the public schools in the Fox Valley receive this money and I believe Xavier High School should too. Over \$60,000 is presently in the escrow account. This is very significant to our budget.

Please consider all of the students in parochial schools in the state and vote in favor of this bill. It is the right thing to do!

Sincerely,

Matt Reynebeau
Principal, Xavier High School

01/09/2002

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From: Johnson, Mel J. [MJJohnson@Bemis.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 9:04 AM
To: Sen.Grobschmidt@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Jauch@legis.state.wi.us;
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Sen.Harsdorf@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Kanavas@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Ellis@legis.state.wi.us
Cc: mreynebeau@xavier.k12.wi.us; dfahrenkrug@xavier.k12.wi.us; tabts@acesys.org;
phughes@acesys.org
Subject: Assembly Bill 492
Importance: High

Dear Senators,
I am writing to you to request your support for Assembly Bill 492. I think this is a critical piece of legislation to help the State make quality learning opportunities available through shared technology and resources amongst public and parochial learning institutions.

It takes the complete village to educate our children. It should not make a difference if they attend a public school or in a parochial system, both systems deserve the same learning opportunities.

I ask you for your support for Assembly Bill 492.

Regards;

Mel Johnson
BCF, Curwood, Inc., A Bemis Company
2451 Badger Ave.
P.O. Box 2968
Oshkosh, WI 54903-2968
Phone: (920) 303-7596
FAX: (920) 303-7645
e-mail: mjjohnson@bemis.com

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From: Gerry & Jenny Schraufnagel [schraufy@powernetonline.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 10:56 PM

To: Sen.Grobschmidt@legis.state.wi.us

Subject: Assembly Bill 492

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Gerry Schraufnagel

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Subject: Assembly Bill 492

Dear Senator,

We are sending you this e-mail to encourage you to support the passage of Assembly Bill 492. Our daughter is currently enrolled in a distance learning program in Appleton. We see first hand the benefits this educational program can provides today's students. By passing the bill you will be enabling important tax dollars to flow to our school in support of distance learning opportunities. Please vote in favor of this legislation.

Sincerely,
Meg & Tom Lauterbach

01/09/2002

Wagnitz, John

From: Bill.Parry@altaresources.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 8:56 PM
To: Sen.Grobschmidt@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: legislation on Bill 492

Senator Richard Grobschmidt, Chairperson:

Please support the legislation on Bill 492 that would allow parochial schools in the state to have access to tax dollars to provide data and video links (technology).

Thank you,

William J. Parry
Appleton, WI 54913

Wagnitz, John

From: dpierre@appletonpapers.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 8:52 PM
To: Sen.Grobschmidt@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Jauch@legis.state.wi.us;
Sen.Shibilski@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Baumgart@legis.state.wi.us;
Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Erpenbach@legis.state.wi.us;
Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Darling@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Lazich@legis.state.wi.us;
Sen.Harsdorf@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Kanavas@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Ellis@legis.state.wi.us
Cc: mreynbeau@xavier.k12.wi.us; dfahrenkrug@xavier.k12.wi.us; tabts@acesys.org;
phughes@acesys.org
Subject: Assembly Bill 492

Dear Senators,

I am writing to you to request your support for Assembly Bill 492. I think this is a critical piece of legislation to help the State make quality learning opportunities available through shared technology and resources amongst public and parochial learning institutions.

The ever increasing cost to educate a student is just as evident in parochial schools as it is public school districts across the State. Without a quality alternative in parochial schools, the State's public education sector would be challenged to handle more students. Given the State's current property tax position, a situation I'm sure most WI taxpayers would like to avoid. We need to keep private education an affordable and viable choice to parents and students in the State of Wisconsin.

In addition, if it is the responsibility of all tax payers to bear the cost burden of educating the State's population, I do not see how a use of State revenues to assist with the educational expense of shared resources through Distance Learning Labs creates a Constitutional issue. It is my understanding groups such as the "Freedom from Religion Foundation" have opposed such legislation. The students enrolled in a parochial school should have access to the same Advanced Placement classes as their peers in a public school and with the benefit of State revenues. These courses have absolutely nothing to do with the schools status as private or of a specific religious background. The offering of this type of course work allows these schools to cost effectively provide a broader curriculum to the student population. It is my belief that the State (people of WI) have an obligation to bear certain operating cost to educate a person attending parochial schools. Data links, video technology and internet connectivity are ways private institutions can remain competitive on an educational platform and still be affordable to the general public.

Again, your support of this Bill is greatly appreciated.

David Pierre
Finance Director Thermal Business Unit
Appleton Papers Inc.

Wagnitz, John

From: MadL7@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 10:11 PM
To: Sen.Grobschmidt@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Support Parochial schools

Dear Senator Grobschmidt,

I ask thea you please support the legislation that will allow parochial schools in the state to have access to tax dollars to provide data and video links.

Thanks for your support,
M Long

Wagnitz, John

From: ebreitha@prodigy.net
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 10:13 PM
To: Sen.Baumgart@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Darling@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Ellis@legis.state.wi.us;
Sen.Erpenbach@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Grobschmidt@legis.state.wi.us;
Sen.Harsdorf@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Jauch@legis.state.wi.us;
Sen.Kanavas@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Lazich@legis.state.wi.us;
Sen.Robson@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us;
Sen.Shibilski@legis.state.wi.us
Cc: Terri McCormick; mreynebeau@xavier.k12.wi.us

Dear Senators,

I am a Xavier High School, Appleton parent. I am in need of your immediate help. There will be a hearing in Madison tomorrow (Wed. 1/9/02) afternoon on Assembly Bill 492. This bill would allow parochial schools in the state to have access to tax dollars to provide data and video links (technology). I urge you most strongly to support this legislation, which will rectify the injustice that has been done to Xavier, and release the approximately \$60,000 that is in escrow for our school for KSCADE distance learning classes.

My daughter has benefited greatly from distance learning classes, having completed AP US History and Veterinary Science classes. Sending our children to Xavier certainly has not exempted us from paying our local, state, and federal taxes. Withholding these funds from the Xavier kids amounts to discrimination of the worst sort. Please help rectify this situation.

Thank You
Ellen Breithaupt
N1076 Maple Leaf Ct.
Hortonville, WI 54944

Moen, Lisa

From: Richards, Mike
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 4:48 PM
To: Moen, Lisa
Subject: FW: Senate Education

He is also in favor of the substitute amendment dealing with SB 300

-----Original Message-----

From: Richards, Mike
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 4:47 PM
To: Moen, Lisa
Subject: Senate Education

Lisa--
As you know my boss, Senator Ted Kanavas, will not be attending the meeting.....

He has informed me that he is:

In favor of the nomination of Mary Anne Moore-Church

Against SB 100

Against SB 314

In favor of AB 492

Against SB 280

IN favor of of SB 300

In favor of SB 302

Any questions let me know--are we going to have a quorum tomorrow?

Michael Richards
Aide to Senator Ted Kanavas