

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

April 8, 2022

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 884** in its entirety.

This bill would mandate the University of Wisconsin System (System) to accept a course in the U.S. Constitution or the Bill of Rights to satisfy diversity or ethnic studies required for core general education courses.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to the Legislature's continued efforts to politicize our higher education institutions, sow division on our campuses, and micromanage the University of Wisconsin System and Board of Regents. This Legislature must stop using our students as political pawns. Educators should be able to teach honest, complete facts about important historical topics and events, and our students deserve to learn in atmospheres conducive to learning without being subjected to political interference by the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,
TONY EVERS
Governor