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Holtz Statement on the First Day of National School Choice Week

(Beloit, WI) – Dr. Lowell Holtz, candidate for Wisconsin’s Superintendent of Public Instruction, made the following statement commencing the first day of National School Choice Week.

“This week is National School Choice Week - an annual celebration of the right and responsibility of parents to direct the education of their children.

This year is the 20th anniversary of Act 27, a Wisconsin law that gave parents the option of attending a public school in a district different from their designated school district. Act 27 furthered the ability of parents to pick the best school for their students regardless of their zip code.

This is also the 45th anniversary of *Yoder v. Wisconsin*, a Supreme Court ruling that reaffirmed that parents' fundamental First Amendment rights supersede even the State when it comes to education.

This week we celebrate the freedom of parents to pick the most appropriate school for their student whether within their district (intradistrict choice), across districts (open enrollment), or from the magnet and specialty public schools that provide unique opportunities. These options also include charter, virtual, private, and home education.

As a principal and a superintendent, my job was to support the faithful and dedicated work of our teachers, both while teaching in their classrooms and when engaging our students' families for their support -- a key to any child's success.

Whatever choices you have made regarding your students' education, whether you spend the morning leading a homeschool or spend the evenings reviewing homework, let us be grateful for those who have secured our freedoms in the Constitution, the legislature and in the courts; and let us renew our commitment to the success of our students.”

Dr. Holtz is a candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction of Wisconsin. He has taught in classrooms, been recognized as a Wisconsin Principal of the Year, and has led district improvement efforts as Superintendent of the Palmyra-Eagle, Beloit, and Whitnall

School Districts. He spent much of his childhood in Milwaukee's Sherman Park neighborhood, and is the son of a retired Milwaukee Police Officer. Lowell is married to Dr. Susan Holtz, his high school sweetheart and wife of 36 years, and together they have raised five grown children. In addition to his roles in education, Dr. Holtz has over two decades of experience in law enforcement.

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