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**Sen. Hansen and Rep. Genrich to
Introduce Legislation to Protect Students' Personal Information**
*Efforts come in response to outrage over request from
voucher school group for minor students' names, addresses and phone numbers*

(Madison)—Responding to parents about their children's safety in the wake of a request by a prominent voucher school advocacy group for the personal information of students attending Green Bay Public Schools, State Senator Dave Hansen (D-Green Bay) and State Representative Eric Genrich (D-Green Bay) announced today that they are considering legislation to protect minor students' personal information and safety.

“This isn't a Democrat or Republican issue—it is a child safety issue,” said Senator Hansen. “Under the current law anyone can request all kinds of information about students attending a K-12 public school including the student's name, address, phone number, photographs, list of any extracurricular activities they're involved in—all types of information that could jeopardize the safety of our children.”

Under existing law anyone can request the most personal of information about students in public K-12 schools and in most cases the schools will have to provide it. Among the information schools could be required to provide include “the pupil's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, photographs, degrees and awards received and the name of the school most recently previously attended by the pupil.”

“As a parent and lawmaker, I'm outraged by this request for personal student information,” said Genrich “We are consulting with staff attorneys to draft and introduce legislation to protect the privacy rights of our school children.”

Senator Hansen and Representative Genrich hope to find bi-partisan support for a bill that will allow the use of a student's personal information to advance a school's educational mission but keep it out of the hands of those who might seek to harm children.