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ICYMI: Plot thickens for the Humphries-Holtz Takeover Plan of Wisconsin's 5 Largest School Districts

Madison — February 17, 2017 news reports show State Superintendent candidates John Humphries and Lowell Holtz continue to spar over who said what in their December meeting, where they conspired with unnamed business leaders to takeover Wisconsin's 5 largest school districts.

New email documentation provided to the Wisconsin State Journal, dated December 23rd, has just surfaced showing this was more than a one time meeting. It was an ongoing discussion to subvert local control and takeover our urban school districts.

These five school districts, Green Bay, Kenosha, Madison, Milwaukee and Racine, represent almost 20% of Wisconsin's public school kids. The Humphries-Holtz Takeover Plan would create a position in the Department of Public Instruction that would have unprecedented authority:

- Unchecked power to break up the school districts
- Unilateral discretion to change the school boards when "deemed necessary"
- Complete rule making authority for the school districts

The following is a statement from Tony Evers for State Superintendent Campaign Manager, Amanda Brink:

"Under the Humphries-Holtz Takeover Plan, would urban districts cease to exist?"

How does John Humphries proposal on 1/26/2017 to privatize certain Wisconsin school districts fit into this plan? Does the Humphries-Holtz Takeover Plan mean that our urban districts would be broken apart? Or does it involve privatizing them as well? Will voters have any say in how their local districts are run under the Humphries-Holtz Takeover Plan?

Voters, and frankly parents, need to know the full details of this backroom deal before they head to the polls on Tuesday for the spring primary."

[Read John Humphries' plan to privatize our public school system](#)

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