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## Rep. Dittrich Supports Citizens Making Voices Heard

**Madison** – Representative Barbara Dittrich (*R – Oconomowoc*) issued the following statement regarding citizens taking local stances on issues that matter to them most:

“Too often citizens are apathetic about their government, which can result in shock at outcomes. Once these surprise outcomes occur, it can be difficult to differentiate between what problems need to be solved at the school board, municipal, county, state, or federal level.

“I have been greatly encouraged watching both students and adults making their voices heard throughout the 38<sup>th</sup> Assembly District recently, not just at legislative listening sessions, but also at school board meetings across our area.

“In a year that has been difficult for our students, it is important for elected school board members to hear the same sorts of things that I am hearing from constituents — That we need to be consistent with our message to ‘follow the science’. Voters want elected officials to acknowledge that those who wish to be vaccinated against COVID-19 are doing so, and the data now shows us that Wisconsin’s students are not in a high risk category for hospitalization from the virus. Additionally, constituents express that those who wish to continue with wearing masks are perfectly capable of deciding for themselves as to whether that decision is appropriate for their own health status.

“My hope is that citizens will remain engaged in all levels of government far beyond the mask issue. Elected officials work for the people, and we work most effectively when we hear directly from those we serve.”

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