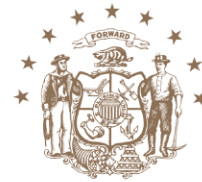




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## **REP. POPE: STATEMENT REGARDING US DOJ INQUIRY OF VOUCHER SCHOOLS**

(MADISON) Representative Sondy Pope released the following statement today regarding the United States Department of Justice's (US DOJ) ongoing inquiry into discrimination within Wisconsin's publicly funded voucher schools.

"If discriminatory practices are occurring against disabled students in voucher schools, it is in the best interest that the discrimination be investigated and stopped. The US DOJ is simply trying to protect the rights of disabled students and make sure they have the same opportunities that every child in Wisconsin should have. Private schools must be held accountable for this behavior. Those who would defend or cover up this practice show a certain moral bankruptcy that has no place in the legislature. Only when we start putting students' education before the interests and profits of private schools can we fix this broken system."