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60 Mile March for Public Schools to End in Madison Today; Call to Hold Lawmakers Accountable for Education Votes

Wisconsin Public Education Network executive director Heather DuBois Bourenane issued the following statement today:

“Today we end our sixty-mile journey from Palmyra to Madison at the State Capitol. We have been joined along the way by hundreds of people who share concerns and anger over a budget that once again invests in widening the gaps across our students and schools.

While every town we visit has a unique story, their message has been the same: all of our kids deserve an equal opportunity to thrive and the state is not meeting its obligation to make that possible.

Lawmakers will vote today and tomorrow on a budget that will freeze our kids into the status quo for two more years, or they’ll vote to do the right thing and restore some of the \$900 million of critical school aids that were thrown in the garbage by the Joint Finance Committee.

It’s finals week at the State Capitol. We’re ready to issue report cards and hold lawmakers accountable for their education votes.”

The 60-mile March for the Schools Our Students Deserve march starts Monday at Sun Prairie’s Patrick Marsh Middle school with an 8:30 am kickoff with local speakers (including superintendent Dr. Brad Saron and Sun Prairie Mayor Paul Esser), and moves to Madison East High School.

The 12:45 lunch at East is expected to be attended by Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes, and features a short rally at 1:15 with speakers Mike Hernandez, Principal of Madison East High School, Madison Metropolitan School District school board member Nicki Vander Meulen, and Madison teacher Mike Jones.

The two-mile final lap to the Capitol is expected to bring many more supporters together, and they will be joined by others waiting at the Capitol for a final rally scheduled to begin at 2:30 pm. The rally will feature remarks from State Treasurer Sarah Godlewski; Jen Cheatham, Madison Superintendent; Anna Moffit, Executive Director – NAMI Dane County; Raaven-Alysa Nash, James Madison Academic Campus, Community Schools Youth Council (Milwaukee); Emilio De Torre, ACLU of Wisconsin; Megan O’Halloran, Milwaukee School Board and Wisconsin Public Education Network’s Heather DuBois Bourenane.

For more information, visit: <http://www.wisconsinnetwork.org/blog/march>

IT'S FINALS WEEK AT THE WISCONSIN STATE CAPITOL

Let's hold our lawmakers accountable for their education votes.

Grades are due
by July 1st.
How will
YOUR
legislator
measure up?



Do your job.
860,000 kids are counting on a
budget that meets their needs.

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FINALS WEEK ASSESSMENT RUBRIC
Legislative Report Card | 2019 Budget Votes

Overall Score
Fails to Meet Expectations

K-12 Budget Vote
Significantly Exceeds Expectations

Special Education Needs
Exceeds Expectations

Bilingual/Bicultural Needs
Meets Expectations

Mental Health Needs
Meets Few Expectations

Vouchers and Privatization
Fails to Meet Expectations

Legislator Information
Hometown: District: Term Ends: Contact information for legislators will be provided on report cards for full transparency and accountability.

FINALS WEEK
June 24-28 is Finals Week at the Wisconsin State Capitol. Assessments will include recommendations for targeted support and improvements for legislators who fail to meet expectations.

It's time to hold Wisconsin lawmakers accountable for their education votes.
860,000 KIDS ARE COUNTING ON US!

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