

TO: Legislative Colleagues

FR: Representatives Kooyenga, Hutton, Rohrkaste, Stuck
Senators Vukmir, Darling, Miller

RE: co-sponsor LRB 4957/1 correction to the Early College Credit Program budget language

DEADLINE: NOON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15th

It has come to our attention that the recently signed budget bill unintentionally swept up one of the most effective and efficient early college credit models into the new funding formula for the Early College Credit Program (ECCP). Concurrent enrollment programming operates at UW Parkside, LaCrosse, Oshkosh, Green Bay, and Whitewater. You may be familiar with the more popular acronyms like CAPP (Oshkosh) or PIE (Whitewater). This program has over forty years of service in our state and provides students inexpensive and high quality concurrent enrollment in high school and college courses for students in high schools. The new ECCP would change the funding model and have a significantly negative impact on access across school districts around the state.

Using an example from the largest program, CAPP, the old system was a shared cost model. The K12 district absorbed the staffing costs while the UW system provided the accreditation and accountability. The parents then received access to dramatically reduced credits. The average credit is about \$400 but parents were able to pay just the administrative costs for transcribing which was about \$90 per credit. The new ECCP program requires K12 to take on 75% of those costs and the state would pick up 25%. This new funding burden will effectively end the program because of the new liability for school districts.

Through the attached bill, we hope to quickly fix this unintended outcome by exempting the concurrent enrollment programs at the aforementioned UW system schools from the new ECCP requirements. This would restore the program back to its current shared cost model.

According to the K12 school leaders, inclusion in the ECCP for concurrent enrollment will effectively end the most efficient and effective early college programming we have in the entire state of Wisconsin. The UW System leaders have confirmed this as the likely outcome.

Our offices are introducing this bill on behalf of the countless school districts that are impacted, the students that will leverage this inexpensive option for college credit, the UW System, and parents who are looking for ways to reduce costs to a two or four year degree.

This bill is supported by the following organizations:

- School Administrators Alliance (SAA)
- Southeastern Wisconsin Schools Alliance (SWSA)
- Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance (WiRSA)
- Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB)

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Representative Kooyenga's office (6-9180) or Senator Vukmir's office (6-2512) by **NOON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15th**. All co-sponsors will be added to both bills unless otherwise requested.