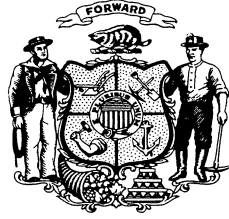


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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Jill Underly, PhD
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December 10, 2024

Dear Superintendent Underly:

The Department of Public Instruction is required to submit the recommendations from the Council on Early Literacy Curricula for use in the following school year to the Joint Committee on Finance for review or approval. *See* Wis. Stat. § 118.015(1m)(b)1. The Wisconsin Supreme Court's decision in *Evers v. Marklein* does not relieve the Department of Public Instruction from this obligation. 2024 WI 31, 412 Wis. 2d 525. In *Evers v. Marklein*, the Wisconsin Supreme Court opined on the constitutionality of a statute concerning the Joint Committee on Finance's approval of agency expenditures. The decision in *Evers v. Marklein* does not concern all approval processes under the Joint Committee on Finance's purview, and certainly not the approval set forth in Wis. Stat. § 118.015(1m)(b)1.

Accordingly, the Joint Committee on Finance will construe your December 6, 2024 letter as a submission under Wis. Stat. § 118.015(1m)(b)1. You will be notified accordingly if the Committee has scheduled a meeting to discuss the proposed recommendations.

As required by law, you may not adopt the proposed recommendations until either 14 working days have elapsed and you are not notified that this matter was scheduled for a hearing or until the recommendations are adopted or modified by the Joint Committee on Finance. Please remove the recommendations from www.dpi.wi.gov/wi-reads and refrain from sharing information about the list with DPI constituents until the list is approved under Wis. Stat. § 118.015(1m)(b)1.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Howard Marklein in black ink.

Howard Marklein
Senate Chair

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Mark Born
Assembly Chair