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Rural Advisory Council to meet via Internet technology

MADISON—To save travel time and costs and to avoid cold and unpredictable Wisconsin winter weather, the State Superintendent's Advisory Council on Rural Schools, Libraries, and Communities will meet via Internet technology at 9 a.m. Thursday.

This will be the first time the group will meet using MediaSite Live capabilities. Visit <http://dpi.wi.gov/rural/webcast.2009.01.15.html> for information about the webcast.

Deputy State Superintendent Tony Evers will welcome council members at 9 a.m. and moderate throughout the meeting. State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster will present opening remarks, which will include an overview of her 2009-11 biennial budget and its provisions for rural Wisconsin.

Council members will present community reports via telephone and video segments beginning at 9:15 a.m. Questions that are sent through the Internet will be answered, as time allows, at the end of each segment. Community reports will come from Rhinelander, Black River Falls, Osseo-Fairchild, Oconto Falls, Washburn, and Hollandale. The Westfield School District will make a special presentation on its biodiesel project. The meeting will close with a video presentation of the Phelps Centennial Mural Project. The webcast can be accessed directly and will be archived on the DPI website at <http://media2.wi.gov/DPI/Viewer/?peid=3f0ff297-f695-4c66-bb3e-6228e9afc18e>.

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WHAT: State Superintendent's Advisory Council on Rural Schools, Libraries, and Communities

WHEN: 9 to 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 15, 2009

WHERE: MediaSite Live — Originating from DPI Mediasite Room 513, GEF 3, Madison
<http://media2.wi.gov/DPI/Viewer/?peid=3f0ff297-f695-4c66-bb3e-6228e9afc18e>