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Visit to showcase Edgerton's community approach to 4K

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster will join Department of Children and Families Secretary Reggie Bicha Tuesday for a tour of three 4-year-old kindergarten (4K) programs in the Edgerton School District.

The visit will begin at 8:15 a.m. at the Edgerton School District office. Burmaster will present an overview of the 4K-community-approach history. She will highlight some of the shared policies and practices among the departments of Public Instruction, Workforce Development, and Health and Family Services, now the Department of Children and Families, which supported 4K collaboration and community approaches. She also will stress the need for continued cooperation among agencies to further clarify 4K community approach issues.

Edgerton District Administrator Norman Fjelstad, who presided over the implementation of 4K through community approaches in his district during the 2006-07 school year, will make a presentation. Then, Burmaster and Bicha will visit three facilities serving 4-year-old children and their families through community approaches. Those 4K programs are at the Edgerton Children's Center, Creative Arts Class, and Central Lutheran Preschool.

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WHO: State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster
Secretary Reggie Bicha, Department of Children and Families

WHAT: Community Approaches to 4K

WHEN: Tuesday, January 20, 2009

WHERE: 8:15 a.m. — Edgerton School District Office
9:10 a.m. — Edgerton Children's Center
9:30 a.m. — Creative Arts Class
10:10 a.m. — Central Lutheran Preschool