

Evers campaign: State Superintendent Evers kicks off campaign for Gov., promises to invest in middle class, unite Wisconsin

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Fitchburg, Wisconsin – State Superintendent Tony Evers officially announced his candidacy for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination today at the McKee Farms Kids Crossing Dream Park in Fitchburg, Wisconsin.

The Evers campaign also released a short video highlighting Tony's background and vision for the state. It is available at www.tonyevers.com.

"I'm running for Governor because as a lifelong educator I've always believed that what's best for our kids is best for our communities, our economy, and our democracy," Evers said. "As State Superintendent, I've seen first-hand how Scott Walker's policies have made it tougher for all public schools, and the families they serve."

Evers understands that the greatest engine of economic growth is a strong, well-funded public school system. "I understand the best way to prepare our kids for 21st Century jobs, and bring those jobs to Wisconsin, is to build a skilled workforce by investing in our schools. As Superintendent, I have led a resurgence of career

and technical education in our public school system that has led to more students being college and career ready. ***If we invest in public education, K-12, technical colleges and the UW System, new jobs and industries will come. And they'll come without having to write billion dollar checks to foreign corporations.***

Evers also pledged to end the divisiveness that has paralyzed Wisconsin's government under Scott Walker. "Over the last few weeks, we've seen the consequences of having leaders who seek to divide us rather than bring us together. People are getting hurt. Families and friendships are being destroyed. People are scared. Make no mistake - Donald Trump is using the same playbook Scott Walker has been using in Wisconsin for years to create divisions and pit people against each other. The targets of their efforts are different, but their tactics are the same. ***Trump and Walker are not a symptom of our divisions - they are the cause.***"

"Enough is enough. If I am elected to serve as your Governor, the politics of division stop on day one. I've won three statewide elections by building a coalition of Democrats, Independents and Republicans because they know that I treat my political opponents with respect and have worked across party lines to get things done for our kids."

Tony Evers has been elected three times to serve as State Superintendent of Public Instruction, winning 70 of 72 counties in his last election, with 70 percent of the vote statewide. Evers has spent his entire career educating our kids, previously working as a science teacher, a high school principal and as school district superintendent. As State Superintendent, Evers runs one of the largest agencies in the state, with responsibility over 70,000 educators and 860,000 students. Evers is the father of 3 children and 6 grandchildren, raising his family in communities throughout Wisconsin, including Plymouth, Baraboo, Tomah, Oakfield, Omro, Oshkosh and Verona.