

Holtz campaign: Statement on Governor Walker's 2017 Budget Address

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Governor Walker's 2017 budget proposal for schools reflects the reform dividends we're obtaining through his Act 10 legislation, along with an appropriate focus on investing in the education of our children - the future of our state and its economy.

However, funding alone won't solve our education problems - especially where the system has failed their community for over a generation. Our schools and teachers can most effectively succeed by partnering closely with families and the surrounding communities to ensure we understand and can meet their wants and needs. My team did that in Beloit in my time there as superintendent, and minority graduation rates drastically improved.

I look forward to working with Governor Walker and the legislature to help others accomplish the same all around our great state."

Dr. Holtz has taught in classrooms, been recognized as a Wisconsin Principal of the Year, and has led district improvement efforts as Superintendent of the Palmyra-Eagle, Beloit, and Whitnall School Districts. He spent much of his childhood in Milwaukee's Sherman Park neighborhood, and is the son of a retired Milwaukee Police Officer. Lowell is married to Dr. Susan Holtz, his high school sweetheart and wife of 36 years, and together they have raised five grown children. In addition to his roles in education, Dr. Holtz has over two decades of experience in law enforcement.