

Godfrey & Kahn, WEAC, WMC: Wisconsin Statesmanship Reception aims to bridge political divides

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Godfrey & Kahn, WEAC & WMC Participate in Inaugural Event

MADISON - An event that aims to bring together both sides of the political aisle was announced on Thursday. The Wisconsin Statesmanship Reception will be hosted by law firm, Godfrey & Kahn. Organizations participating in the reception include both the Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC) and Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC).

The public event is meant to bridge the growing political divide that is all too common in Wisconsin and nationally. Research shows that people with opposing political views tend not to interact the way they once did, and the participating organizations thought this would be one small step forward to change that.

“We have far too few statesmen in politics these days,” said Jay Smith, Chairman & CEO of Teel Plastics in Baraboo and Incoming WMC Chairman of the Board. “This reception will give individuals from every political viewpoint a chance to connect. To move Wisconsin forward, we must all continue to work together and encourage a more stately discourse in our debates.”

The Wisconsin Statesmanship Reception will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 30 in the Terrace Room at the Madison Club. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required.

“Education is not a partisan issue, great schools benefit everyone,” said Ron Martin, a teacher and WEAC president. “Unfortunately, deep divisions have left their mark on Wisconsin Public Schools. Teachers are eager to advance solutions that put students first and keep schools strong for the next generation.”

Those interested in attending may [click here](#) to RSVP.

“We share as Wisconsin residents a proud history, numerous and interconnected non-political relationships and many shared principles on what a civil society should

be based,” said Mike Wittenwyler, Godfrey & Kahn Shareholder and Attorney. “At all times, even when we disagree on certain policy items in our day-to-day work, conversation among us should never stop. A continuing dialogue and varied relationships will help us find common ground. This inaugural Statesmanship Reception creates an opportunity for such conversation and to connect with all of those who are part of the Wisconsin political community.”

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