

Gov. Evers: Releases statement regarding Chancellor Rebecca M. Blank's departure from UW-Madison

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today released the following statement regarding University of Wisconsin (UW)-Madison Chancellor Rebecca M. Blank's announcement she will be departing at the end of the academic year.

"I want to thank Chancellor Blank for her service to our state, the UW System, and our flagship campus in Madison. Chancellor Blank is a distinguished leader and economist who has always been a fierce advocate for continuing UW-Madison's proud tradition of excellence in research and innovation, especially in the midst of political headwinds and budget cuts during her time at the UW. I'm grateful for Chancellor Blank's leadership during her near-decade as chancellor at UW-Madison, and I wish her all the best as president of Northwestern University.

"As we work to ensure our state's continued economic recovery, supporting higher education and our UW System—including our campus in Madison—must be a top priority. I am confident the UW Board of Regents, in consultation with faculty, staff, and students, will select a chancellor who will be a strong voice for investing in our kids, continuing UW-Madison's legacy as a top-tier research institution, and the pursuit of the Wisconsin Idea."