

Kerr leads in January fundraising, spending for DPI race

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Former Brown Deer Superintendent Deb Kerr raised and spent more than her rivals for state schools superintendent over the first month of the year, finance reports show.

Assistant State Superintendent Sheila Briggs pulled in the second most money in the race to lead DPI, followed by Pecatonica Superintendent Jill Underly.

The primary is a week from today. Here are summaries of the fundraising activity listed on their pre-primary fundraising reports:

*Kerr raised \$28,229 over the first month of the year, spent \$58,510 and had \$19,861 left in the bank. She listed \$9,842 in obligations and \$21,003 in loans.

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She received \$15,000 from Arthur Dantchik, a Pennsylvania trader who has a history of donating to pro-voucher candidates. She also spent \$47,860 on a mailer and \$2,857 on media billboards/outdoor advertising.

*Briggs raised \$19,403, spent \$33,251 and had \$30,498 in the bank. She listed \$1,206 in obligations and \$2,500 in loans. Her donations included \$2,000 from former Dem state Sen. Tim Cullen, and she spent \$18,055 on online ads.

*Underly raised \$17,960, spent \$8,234 and had \$30,253 cash on hand. She also listed \$7,000 in loans. She listed a \$2,500 donation from Charles Semko, of Munster, Ind., who wasn't employed. Her campaign paid more than \$7,500 to Nation Consulting to cover consultant fees, IT costs, a mailer and other expenses.

After the close of the reporting period, Underly reported an \$18,000 contribution

from WEAC PAC.

*Shandowlyon Hendricks-Williams, a former teacher and administrator at several public and private schools in Wisconsin, raised \$12,402, spent \$18,042 and had \$2,203 in the bank. She listed \$2,500 in loans. Her donations included \$1,000 from Barbara Hendricks, a California retiree. Her biggest expense was \$7,636 on campaign staff wages. One of the other biggest expenses was \$2,500 to respond to an unsuccessful attempt to kick her off the ballot because she listed the title Dr. on her nomination papers.

*Troy Gunderson, the former West Salem superintendent, raised \$11,750, spent \$4,894 and had \$20,161 in the bank. He made \$4,150 in in-kind donations to his campaign.

*Fond du Lac teacher Joe Fenrick raised \$3,107, spent \$1,749 and listed \$7,846 in the bank. He also listed \$6,000 in personal loans.

*MPS Garland Elementary School Principal Steve Krull raised \$1,086, spent \$676 and had \$2,188 in the bank.

The top two candidates in the primary advance to the April 6 general election.

See Brigg's report:

<https://cfis.wi.gov/ReportsOutputFiles/0106342SpringPre-Primary20211fd4f28202164352PMCF-2Report.pdf>

See Fenrick's report:

<https://cfis.wi.gov/ReportsOutputFiles/0106364SpringPre-Primary2021ae86e25202165935PMCF-2Report.pdf>

See Gunderson's report:

<https://cfis.wi.gov/ReportsOutputFiles/0106358SpringPre-Primary2021cc450282021113703PMCF-2Report.pdf>

See Hendricks-William's report:

<https://cfis.wi.gov/ReportsOutputFiles/0106380SpringPre-Primary20217fad128202171432PMCF-2Report.pdf>

See Kerr's report:

<https://cfis.wi.gov/ReportsOutputFiles/0106359SpringPre-Primary2021843a6282021>

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See Krull's report:

<https://cfis.wi.gov/ReportsOutputFiles/0106365SpringPre-Primary20211812f28202185444PMCF-2Report.pdf>

See Underly's report:

<https://cfis.wi.gov/ReportsOutputFiles/0106282SpringPre-Primary2021cfbea28202170928PMCF-2Report.pdf>