

# WisDems: Endorse Dr. Jill Underly for state superintendent

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(MADISON) — Following yesterday's primary election, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin endorsed Dr. Jill Underly for State Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction.

Chair Ben Wikler issued this statement:

"In Wisconsin, we believe everyone — regardless of their race, class, or zip code — deserves a great public education. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction — a job previously held by Governor Evers — is a critical role that will help determine what kind of future we build for our children and our state, and Dr. Jill Underly is the right woman for the job.

"Our schools are at a crossroads. The pandemic has disrupted learning for all students, and it has exacerbated long-standing opportunity gaps that harm students of color, rural students, and students from lower-income families. We need a leader with the vision to not just reopen schools safely, but to build them back better, fairer, and more equitable than ever before. We have no doubt that Dr. Jill Underly is that leader."

Jill's lifelong commitment to public education and lifting up every student has defined every step of her career, and shines through her record of service to students from pre-kindergarten through college, as a teacher, a principal, a mentor, and a district superintendent. Rather than expanding the diversion of public funds into private schools, she's a champion of fully funding public schools to meet the needs of all public school students. Jill Underly is the best DPI candidate for Wisconsin, and we look forward to helping voters cast their ballots and elect her on April 6.