

WisDems: Secretary of Education in the Badger State

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MADISON, Wis. — This week, U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona visited several schools in Wisconsin as he affirmed the Biden administration's commitment to building back better in the Badger state. This latest visit by a Biden-Harris administration official comes just a week after First Lady Jill Biden spoke with parents and educators at an elementary school in Milwaukee [last week](#).

On Monday, Secretary Cardona visited the University of Wisconsin-Madison's campus and Locust Lane Elementary School in Eau Claire. The secretary spoke with students about their return to school and discussed the importance of bouncing back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Read more about the secretary's trip here:

Wisconsin State Journal: [U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona visits UW-Madison](#)

"The return to school this year is more special than ever, after many of our nation's students have been disconnected from their peers, educators, classrooms, school communities and learning routines for over a year," Cardona said in a statement.

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School of Education Dean Diana Hess, who joined the students, Chancellor Rebecca Blank, Gov. Tony Evers and Cardona on the terrace, said the program helps small school districts who struggle to hire special education teachers and must turn to untrained individuals with emergency teaching licenses.

"One of the things we set out to do in the Biden administration is really lift up the

profession,” Cardona said.

Spectrum News: [U.S. Secretary of Education begins 'Return to School Road Trip' in Wisconsin](#)

Students, parents, and teachers will join the secretary as he spends this week on the road to get a first-hand look at how students are returning to school, whether that’s an elementary classroom or a college campus.

During a visit to the UW-Madison campus, Secretary Cardona asked students in the special education teaching program for advice he could take back to Washington, D.C., and consider when crafting policy.