

# Gov. Evers: Welcomes Wisconsin students back to school with a video message

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today shared a video message welcoming students, educators, and parents back to school for the 2023-24 school year. Earlier this month, the governor began a statewide back-to-school tour, visiting schools and meeting with students, families, educators, and staff as they begin the 2023-24 school year.

During his statewide tour, the governor has visited 11 school districts across the state, including the Stanley-Boyd Area School District, Viroqua Area Schools, Markesan District Schools, the School District of the Menomonie Area, the School District of Greenwood, the School District of Lomira, Bristol School District, Verona Area School District, Madison Metropolitan School District, the School District of Janesville, and Milwaukee Public Schools, with additional visits scheduled for later today and throughout this week.

In addition to his back-to-school message, in recognition of National Read a Book Day tomorrow, Sept. 6, Gov. Evers also shared a video message reading the book “All Are Welcome” by Alexandra Penfold with illustrations by Suzanne Kaufman. The video message is available for use [here](#).

The governor’s back-to-school video message is available [here](#), and a transcript of the video message is available below.

Hey there, folks. Governor Tony Evers here.

Across our state, kids, parents, and families are gearing up for the new school year.

Educators, staff, and administrators are busy getting classrooms and schools ready to begin a new year of teaching, empowering, and inspiring our kids.

I've spent most of my life fighting for our kids and our schools, first as a science teacher, then as a principal, superintendent, and state superintendent, and doing what's best for our kids is why I decided to run for governor.

The back-to-school season is one of my favorite times a year.

Each school year presents a new opportunity for educators and students alike to grow, to learn, and to create new connections.

And my advice to all of you is this: make the most of it. You only get to be a fourth grader, an eighth grader, or a senior once. And if you're an educator, you'll only have this group of kids once.

So, have fun, challenge yourself, try new things, work hard, and let's make it a great year, folks.

Thank you, and take care.

An online version of this release is available [here](#).