

Forward Literacy: DPI oversight missing in action—nearly 40% of Wisconsin public schools ignore required Early Literacy Remediation Plans, Forward Literacy finds

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Madison, WI - February 25, 2026 — Nearly 40% of Wisconsin public schools are flouting state law by failing to post K-3 Early Literacy Remediation Plans (ELRPs) on their district websites, exposing a glaring lack of oversight and enforcement by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

“Transparency dies without enforcement,” said Katie Kasubaski, Executive Director of Forward Literacy. “When 4 in 10 schools skip a straightforward posting requirement and DPI stands by silently, parents are kept in the dark about how the district will address their children’s reading challenges. That’s not leadership—it’s letting kids down.”

Forward Literacy’s statewide review of 430 schools found:

- 265 schools (61%) comply by posting ELRPs.
- 165 schools (39%) do not—noncompliance is widespread.
- 53 noncompliant schools sent plans via open records requests but still failed to post them publicly, as the law requires.

Overall, the data show **widespread, statewide noncompliance**, with noncompliant schools distributed across Wisconsin.

Under 2023 Wisconsin Act 20, schools must publicly post these plans to show how they support struggling readers and provide transparency to parents—yet DPI provides guidance and toolkits without any apparent monitoring, audits, or consequences for noncompliance.

Forward Literacy calls on the DPI to launch immediate compliance monitoring and enforcement measures. Every noncompliant school must post its ELRP right away. The organization will keep tracking and pushing until DPI delivers real accountability, transparency and better reading results for Wisconsin kids.

Find your school district's plan to help struggling K-3 grade readers here:
[**Early Literacy Remediation Plan List**](#)

(If you can't locate your district's plan or this information has changed, contact Forward Literacy.)