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Evers statement on ESSA draft plan

MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers issued a statement today on the Department of Public Instruction’s publication of the first draft of the state’s plan for implementing federal education law as reauthorized under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). [The plan](#) will now undergo a public comment period through June 30.

“ESSA gave us a valuable opportunity to discuss the critical work the state does for kids and craft a plan for our schools that advances educational equity. By bringing together a diverse set of stakeholders, we were able to advance a draft plan that met those goals, while respecting the landscape of our state.

“However, the next stage of this process is going to be critical. We have to trust our local communities and families to identify the needs of their students and tailor policies that best serve their kids. Moreover, we have to communicate the ambitious goals we outlined in this plan around closing opportunity gaps.

“This is not a problem we can solve overnight. Together we can move the needle and improve the opportunities we provide Wisconsin students. I want to thank the members of the Equity Council, as well as all of the stakeholders we’ve engaged through this process, for their service on behalf of our students. I look forward to continuing our work together.”

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NOTES: A draft of Wisconsin’s Every Student Succeeds Act plan can be found on the department’s website at <https://dpi.wi.gov/esea>. Additional information about the State Superintendent’s Equity in ESSA Stakeholders Council can be found at <https://dpi.wi.gov/statesupt/equity-council>. This news release is available electronically at https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2017_47.pdf.