

## Media Advisory

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### Rural council to meet in Whitehall on Wednesday

MADISON — Student presentations and discussions about educator licensing and how to smooth the transitions for certain students are among the topics for Wednesday’s meeting of the State Superintendent’s Advisory Council for Rural Schools, Libraries, and Communities in the Whitehall High School.

The council meeting begins at 9 a.m. with a welcome from Whitehall District Administrator Mike Beighley. He will introduce State Superintendent Tony Evers who will speak on the challenges and successes of the district. At 9:15 a.m., the council will get an update on key policy issues related to state and federal budgets and federal education law, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A presentation and discussion of neglected and delinquent children and how to serve their needs and smooth their transition begins at 9:45 a.m.

At 10:45 a.m. the council will turn its attention to educator licensing changes, both recommendations from the Leadership Group on School Staffing Challenges and those adopted in statute by the Legislature and governor. Top staffing issues, felt acutely in rural areas, are attracting new people to the education profession and retaining educators who currently staff rural schools. At 11:30 a.m. the lunch, provided by culinary arts students, will include presentations on the Culinary Arts Co-op Capstone and music by the high school band and chorus. Colleen Cantlon-Marlor is the band director, and the choir is under the direction of Krista Kjos.

Following lunch, the council will learn about the Trempealeau Valley Co-op 2.0, which is made up of the school districts of Arcadia, Blair-Taylor, Independence, and Whitehall. The presentation will include a summary of the collaborative research done by Ashley Furniture Industries, Whitehall Schools, Western Technical College, and the University of Wisconsin-Stout. A tour of the PK-12 school begins at 1:30 p.m.

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**WHO:** State Superintendent Tony Evers  
Advisory Council on Rural Schools, Libraries, and Communities

**WHAT:** Advisory Council Meeting

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, October 11, 2017

**WHERE:** Whitehall High School - Elementary Balcony  
19121 Hobson Street, Whitehall, WI 54773