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## **Roys Releases Video Highlighting Elementary School Closing in Walker's Home District**

*Roys calls Walker "one of the most anti-education governors" in Wisconsin history*

MADISON, WI -- Today, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Kelda Roys [released a video](#) highlighting the effect Walker's cuts to public schools have had on his home school district.

Roys' video tells the story of the Delavan-Darien School District cuts. Due to declining state support and a failed funding referendum, the Delavan-Darien has been forced to close an elementary school and lay off 39 teachers. Cuts like these are happening across Wisconsin, and students are paying the price. A transcript of the video has been provided at the end of this release.

Kelda Roys released the following statement:

"Scott Walker has been one of the most anti-education governors in Wisconsin's history, and the struggles faced by his home school district prove it. Classrooms around the state are still reeling from draconian budget cuts, and our students are suffering as a result. That's not the Wisconsin way. We used to be the education state, and we can become that again. As governor, I pledge to fully and fairly fund our public schools to ensure our children have the opportunities they deserve."

To read more on Kelda's plans to invest in our schools, [click here](#). To read more on Walker's abysmal record on public education, [click here](#).

### **"Restoring Our Schools" Transcript:**

Barrett: I used to identify as a Republican. My family has been close with the Walkers because he grew up here. I voted for Scott Walker in 2010. I even worked on Scott Walker's campaign in 2006 when he ran.

Barrett: Did you vote in 2010?

Karleigh: Yes I did, and I voted for Walker in 2010. I did.

Barrett: They are going to close Darien Elementary School, which is the only school in that community.

The problem was they were continually receiving less support from the state.

Karleigh: Class size was at 20 this year, average 20. Next year, because of the lack of funding, it will be 30.

Barrett: Over 20% of the teachers that are in the district have been laid off. My wife was affected by that. They came and notified her Tuesday morning at about 9 o'clock. That was the last day before she went on maternity leave, and our son was born two days later, so...

Karleigh: We used to be top in education and we are definitely falling behind.

Kelda Roys: Scott Walker has been one of the most anti-education governors in our state's history. And schools and families across the state, we know it because we see how our school districts are struggling. What is happening in Delavan Darien, Walker's home school district, is not isolated. Schools across the state are struggling with massive budget cuts. And teachers are being asked year after year to do more with less. But it doesn't have to be this way.

I'm Kelda Roys and I am running for governor. We can and we will properly fund our public schools. As governor, I am going to make sure that every teacher has the tools he or she needs to teach our children. You know in Wisconsin, we love the Packers, we love cheese curds, and we love our public schools. Please join me and make sure that Wisconsin is the education state once again. There's a lot of things that we can spend our money on, but nothing is as important as the future for our children.

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*Kelda Roys, 39, is a small business owner, attorney, former state representative, and past head of NARAL Pro-Choice Wisconsin, who has been standing up for women and families throughout her career. In the Assembly, she stood out as an influential and effective lawmaker, delivering results for working families and helping lead the opposition to Governor Scott Walker's divisive agenda. As the parent and stepparent of four girls, Roys will fight for paid family leave, affordable childcare, student debt relief, great schools, and healthcare for all. In a year in which Wisconsin voters are ready for change, Kelda Roys provides the clearest contrast to Scott Walker.*