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## Governor Evers Leaks Plans for an All-out Assault on Parents Role in Education

## WISCONSIN COALITION OF VIRTUAL SCHOOL FAMILIES SPEAKS OUT ON GOVERNOR EVERS' PLAN TO CHOKE CHARTER AND CHOICE Parent Coalition Disappointed Governor Wants to Hold Back Wisconsin Students

[MADISON...] The head of Wisconsin's largest group of charter school parent advocates is blasting Governor Tony Evers' new budget plan that would effectively halt the strides Wisconsin's charter schools have made over several decades.

They say the plan is an all out assault on parents.

"It is not the job of the Governor of Wisconsin to protect the teachers' union and the status quo by denying parents the options to choose the school that fits their child's needs," said Ty Babinski, President of the Wisconsin Coalition of Virtual School Families. "This is an extremely disappointing development and we hope the legislature rejects such callous Statism, completely."

According to press accounts, Evers' proposed budget would stop new independent charter schools from being developed until 2023 and would effectively choke the state's extremely popular public charter and school choice initiatives which have given Wisconsin parents increased options in education for decades in Wisconsin.

Created and led by parent volunteers, the Wisconsin Coalition of Virtual School Families was formed in 2005 to protect our educational choices and make sure parents' and families' voices are heard in the Capitol and around the state. Together with our fellow parents, families, teachers, and friends, we will educate policymakers and others on why we chose a virtual school for our children; how these schools work; the close, working relationship we have with our teachers and administrators; and much, much more.