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Representative Hesselbein Appointed to Governor's Student Loan Debt Task Force

MADISON - Governor Tony Evers announced appointments to serve on the Governor's Task Force on Student Loan Debt. The task force was created through Executive Order #67 and is tasked with addressing the growing student loan debt crisis in the state of Wisconsin. Representative Dianne Hesselbein (D-Middleton) will serve as one of the legislative appointees on the task force.

"I am excited for the opportunity to serve on this task force to bring forward meaningful recommendations to the governor on how we can ease the crushing weight of student loan debt. As a mother of two students currently pursuing degrees of higher education and one student starting this fall, I know first-hand the challenges students face when financing a college education," said Representative Hesselbein.

Hesselbein currently serves in the State Assembly on the Colleges and Universities Committee. Throughout her time in the legislature, Hesselbein has spearheaded efforts to modernize statutes for student veterans attending school within the university system and technical colleges.

"We have a lot to accomplish on the issue of student loan debt. This is an ever-growing crisis in our society and we must explore the policy options available to reduce the burden for all Wisconsinites. Student loan debt is a large determining factor in financial success for graduates so I am encouraged by Governor Evers' commitment to this issue as thousands of students begin their post college careers amid a global pandemic."

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the first meeting of the Governor's Task Force on Student Loan Debt will be held virtually on May 13.

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