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Troy Gunderson declares his candidacy for State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Students Ready to Learn + Teachers Ready to Teach = Graduates Ready for the Future

WEST SALEM - Troy Gunderson, retired superintendent of schools for the School District of West Salem, has filed the necessary paperwork to declare his candidacy for the position of State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

“The race for State Superintendent of Public Instruction is about the future of public education in Wisconsin, and the role of public education in moving the state forward. I am entering this race because it is an opportunity for me to serve our state and to give something back,” says Gunderson.

The “Troy for State Superintendent” campaign will focus on the need to develop a long-term vision for public education in Wisconsin. Key points of emphasis include ensuring that all children arrive at school ready to learn, ensuring all teachers have the training and support necessary to be ready to teach, and achieving a vision where all graduates are ready for the future.

Troy Gunderson grew up in Colfax, WI attending kindergarten through twelfth grade at Colfax Public Schools. Following graduation from the University of Minnesota, Gunderson embarked on a 35-year career in public education including seven years as a classroom teacher at Melrose-Mindoro High School, and 16 years as a high school principal - one year in Princeton, WI and 15 years in West Salem, WI. He then served 12 years as a school superintendent including two years at Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau School District in Galesville, WI, and ten years for the School District of West Salem. Gunderson currently serves as an adjunct professor of school finance in the superintendent certification program at Viterbo University in La Crosse, WI.

Troy and his wife Jill live in West Salem. Jill is retired from her career as a middle school science teacher at Melrose-Mindoro Middle School. Troy and Jill have two adult children, Kelsey and Kirsten, who are both graduates of West Salem High School and the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

“I stand here today as the product of public education. I received an outstanding educational experience as a child growing up in rural Wisconsin. My wife, mother, and father-in-law all enjoyed successful careers as public school teachers. The wonderful communities in which I served as a teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent each afforded me the opportunity for personal and professional growth. I have literally been given the gift of a lifetime. I owe it all to public education. It is now time to give something back. Let’s get ready”