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**AEF Announces State Superintendent Candidate Forum**

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The Association for Equity in Funding (AEF) announced plans for a State Superintendent candidate forum to be held January 20th, 2021 from 6:30-8:00 PM via Zoom.

All 7 candidates have confirmed their attendance. AEF Steering Committee members will ask the candidates for their views about how to best fund schools in Wisconsin, about issues related to funding equity, and about their understanding of the state school finance system. Other questions will relate to the Blue Ribbon Funding Task Force recommendations and the impact of inequitable funding on student success.

AEF Steering Committee Chair John Gaier expressed his excitement at the opportunity to hear from the candidates. "While the Blue Ribbon Commission on School Funding has made some important recommendations, AEF is concerned at the slow pace of adoption of those recommendations. Our new State Superintendent will have a heavy workload, collaborating with legislators and the Governor to help make our funding system more equitable and fair. Our candidate forum will be a great opportunity for our members, media, and voters to learn more about this important topic," Gaier said.

Requests for the Zoom link can be sent to AEF Executive Director John Humphries, at [johnhumphries.aef@gmail.com](mailto:johnhumphries.aef@gmail.com).

The Wisconsin Association for Equity in Funding (WAEF) is a group of Wisconsin school districts that seeks financial equity in the state system of school financing. The members include urban, suburban and rural schools. The two issues that brought this group together have been the wide differences in the amount school districts have been able to invest in the education of their children and the even wider differences in the property tax burden to pay for that investment.

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