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Statement from the Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance Executive Director, Kim Kaukl

WiRSA Endorses Dr. Jill Underly for State Superintendent

The Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance (WiRSA) Board voted on Monday, February 22 to endorse Dr. Jill Underly for the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

WiRSA is proud to support one of our rural members in her candidacy for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. We believe Dr. Underly is the right candidate for the job because of her strong belief in doing what is best for all of Wisconsin's public-school students. She is the candidate that has first-hand knowledge of how schools/students were operating prior to the pandemic, through the pandemic and has an initial understanding of what our schools/students will need moving forward.

It is our strong belief that Dr. Jill Underly will work hard for all students as she addressed in one of her responses to WiRSA:

"I want a system that is equitable for all kids. I want a system that is well-funded; puts kids first. Prioritizes early childhood and interventions in kids when they are younger rather than investing in corrections and detention when they are older. I want a public education system that, no matter where you live, who you are born to, or what your parents do or even if you don't have parents — you are going to get the best, highest quality of education regardless of your abilities, your income status, and your race and gender or language origins."

The Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance (WiRSA) was formed to help rural school districts address the unique issues that affect rural schools as they strive to achieve the highest quality education for every student. Our organization represents and supports 165 rural school district and over 230 total members.

Strong Schools, Strong Communities