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LABOR UNIONS RALLY AROUND JILL UNDERLY FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT

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Wisconsin United Auto Workers, AFT, AFL-CIO and IBEW endorse Dr. Jill Underly

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Pecatonica Area School District Superintendent and candidate for Wisconsin State Superintendent Jill Underly announced today she has received the endorsement of the American Federation of Teachers Wisconsin, the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, United Auto Workers of Wisconsin, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Dr. Underly is also the recommended candidate of the Wisconsin Education Association Council.

"Our membership is committed to advancing high-quality public education in Wisconsin, and Dr. Jill Underly is the candidate who will stand up for kids in our schools," said AFT Wisconsin President Kim Kohlhaas. "With a breadth of experience that spans urban to rural and pre-K to post-grad, Jill Underly not only knows where our system is failing, but understands firsthand we need bold, progressive action to move Wisconsin education forward."

"We are endorsing Jill because she has been pro-union, pro-child, pro-family, and pro-public schools from day one," said Wisconsin AFL-CIO President Stephanie Bloomingdale. "We need a leader who will work to provide a high-quality public education to every child, every day, no matter their zip code. Dr. Jill Underly won't be satisfied with the status quo and working families are ready to stand up for her."

"Dr. Jill Underly has a proven record of advocating for working families," said Don Allen, President of the IBEW Wisconsin State Conference. "As a daughter and granddaughter of IBEW members, Jill knows the value of the trades and strong family-supporting wage. We are proud to endorse the candidate in this race who will stand up every day for our kids."

"Dr. Underly is a passionate educator and the only candidate who can lead our schools out of this pandemic safely," said Mike Bink, Chair of the UAW Wisconsin State CAP Council. "Jill's platform is all about equity: giving every child what they need, every day. With experience in urban, suburban and rural schools, Jill knows firsthand how to make our schools stronger. We are proud to endorse Jill Underly in this race."

See all of Dr. Jill Underly's endorsers here.

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The non-partisan statewide election for Superintendent of Public Instruction is on April 6, 2021, with a primary election February 16, 2021. Underly for Wisconsin launched its website at www.underlyforwi.com and one can join and follow Jill at @underlyforwi on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.