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## Wisconsin Parents Deserve a Choice

Rep. Dittrich's bill will allow parents to protect their children's medical freedom

**Madison** – Representative Barbara Dittrich (R - Oconomowoc) issued the following statement regarding the introduction of her bill to protect to medical freedom and privacy of WI children:

"As we have heard time and again, parents are incredibly upset at how their school district is responding to COVID-19. Parents who do not believe that mandates are not the correct way to go forward are enraged when aggressive actions are taken by the district. While parents who believe that their district should introduce aggressive mitigation standards feel betrayed when the district does not."

Representative Dittrich introduced a bill today that will allow for parents to utilize both the Open Enrollment and School Choice programs in this state to protect their children's medical freedom. If a school introduces mask or vaccine mandates, the parents of a student may move their child to a school, public or private, that more closely holds to their beliefs. This holds true for parents that feel as if their children are not being adequately protected from COVID-19 due to lack of vaccine requirements or mask mandates.

"Wisconsin students and parents deserve to be taught in a way that allows them flourish. Frustration and fear over COVID is detracting from the education of our children!"

This bill, also protects students' ability to play sports once this transfer has taken place. Students should not be punished over the decisions of a school board or even their parents. Protecting the rights, regardless of beliefs towards vaccines and masks, ensures a safe and equitable environment for all.

"Protecting the medical privacy and freedom of the citizens of Wisconsin should never take a backseat to frustration and fear."

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