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Rep. Plumer Legislation Funding Holocaust Education Unanimously Passes Legislature

MADISON, WI – Yesterday, legislation authored by Rep. Plumer providing funding for Holocaust education in Wisconsin schools unanimously passed the Legislature.

"We've seen a surge in anti-Semitic incidents in recent months, including the Hamas attacks against Jewish citizens in Israel on October 7th," said Rep. Plumer. "Holocaust education is more important than ever to ensure current and future generations understand the devastating consequences of anti-Semitism and intolerance."

This legislation provides a \$200,000 annual grant over the biennium to the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center (HERC) so they can continue providing educational programs as required in public, charter, and choice schools under Wisconsin 2021 Act 30. HERC is the primary support vehicle for educators in Wisconsin in carrying out this requirement.

HERC is working to increase the support services, which include bringing on additional education staff handling school requests, support for the Holocaust Education Map toolkit, and developing curriculum.

Last year, HERC's programs impacted nearly 100,000 students in more than 300 districts around the state. This included field trips, in-class programs, speakers, lesson plans, and workshops for educators.

The legislation now heads to Governor Evers for his signature.

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