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**Statement by Jim Bender of the Wisconsin Independent Charter School Advocates (WICSA)
on the WI PTA vs Legislature Education Funding Lawsuit:**

“The Circuit Court ruled today that the motion to intervene by WICSA was denied. The judge emphasized that the issue in front of the court is the direct relationship between the constitution and district public schools. The constitution has basic funding requirements and district schools are required to provide an education as uniform as practicable.

While Independent Charter Schools are public schools, we are not district schools and we are not uniform. The judge accurately noted that Independent Charter Schools are designed to be unique and innovative. We will, however, have the opportunity to submit amicus briefs and be available for testimony as the case proceeds.

It should be noted that plaintiffs in this case, many of which are political actors, included negative references to Independent Charter Schools in their original filing. Besides their erroneous nature, those were also political statements completely irrelevant to the case.

WICSA looks forward to providing substantive and pertinent information to the Court going forward.”