

Cannot Afford to Fail

State Superintendent **Tony Evers** calls upon school leaders to be advocates

State Superintendent Tony Evers acknowledged school leaders for their work in improving and progressing public education and emphasized the importance of advocating on behalf of students.

Noting that the amount of change in public education in the state has been unparalleled, Evers recognized school leaders for their work in helping to adopt and support many of these changes, including: new standards and assessments, a new educator evaluator system, and new accountability frameworks.

“The amount of change has been unparalleled,” he said.

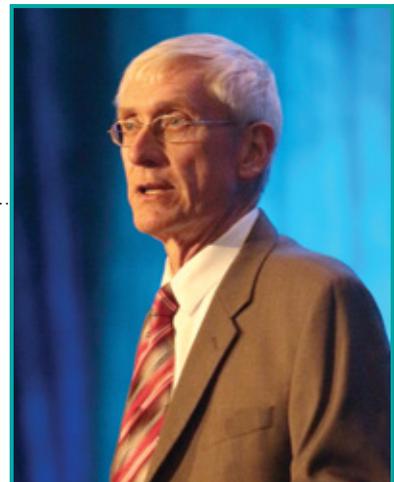
Evers argued that the changes are

being made to improve the lives of kids. He added that he needs the support of teachers and principals, in addition to school leaders, for these changes to be successful and improve student achievement.

Evers recognized the School Administrators Alliance’s (SAA) report, “Pathway to World-Class Student Success,” noting its efforts to create a state-wide initiative to draw skilled people into education.

“I look forward to working with the SAA to find innovative ways to identify and recruit talented candidates into teaching and school administration,” he said.

Despite new statewide school



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improvement measures, Evers said the state still has a good balance of local and state control. However, Evers also called upon state leaders in Madison to stop handing down school reform measures.

“Let’s preserve our good working balance, which includes local control, by hitting the pause button on new mandates and conflicting priorities coming out of Madison,” Evers said. “Our collective message must be: Our plates are full.”

To make this message clear to lawmakers, school board members, school administrators, and other public education advocates need to make their voices heard. Evers said he believes “more divisive mandates along with constrained revenue are on the way.”

“We cannot afford to fail,” Evers said. “We must do our part, share our viewpoints, and contribute to the important dialogue about the future of one of Wisconsin’s greatest resources — our public schools.” ■

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