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Education Association

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Governor Jim Doyle
P.O. Box 7863
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Dear Governor Doyle,

The Appleton Education Association (AEA) is a partner in the Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools. The AEA represents 1,200+ educators and we work to improve the wages, hours and working conditions of our members along with promoting a quality public education for our students. My members know that the educations and the futures of kids in our communities and around the state are in great jeopardy because of the way we fund our public schools. We do need to do something now or it will get even worse. We expect you to stand up for our children as you have in the past

We have a history of great public schools here in Appleton! However, due to revenue controls and shrinking budgets, our district has had to make cuts in several areas over the past few years including media, guidance and other areas that directly affect the education of our students. Appleton has traditionally been a district that has spent less than the state average per pupil and we have essentially been punished for that due to the revenue controls.

If we continue down the path we have been on with school funding in our state, these issues will continue to erode our public education system. Now is the time to act and make changes to the way we fund public schools in our state.

As a partner in WAES, the Appleton Education Association is committed to fighting for increased categorical aid to address the critical short-term needs in all school districts. At the same time, we urge you to work with us, other education stakeholders, and the Legislature to bring about comprehensive reform of the school-funding system in 2007.

If we cannot adequately invest in our children, what kind of future can we expect for our state?

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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