

January 12, 2007

Governor Jim Doyle
P O Box 7863
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Governor Doyle,

The School District of Rhinelander is a partner in the Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools. Our district employs approximately 350 administrative, certified, and support staff members. These staff members, in all roles, are constantly striving to offer our students continued high-quality educational opportunities. They know that the education and future of children in our community and children throughout the State of Wisconsin are in great jeopardy due to the funding received by our public schools. Unless we do something now, it will get even worse. We expect you to stand up for our children as you have in the past.

As a partner in the Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools (WAES) the School District of Rhinelander is committed to fighting for increased categorical aid to address the critical short-term needs in all school districts. We urge you to work with other educational stakeholders, the Legislature, and us in an effort to begin comprehensive reform of the school-funding system in the year 2007.

If we can't adequately invest in our children, what kind of future can we expect for ourselves and for our state?

Best regards,

/s/

Debbie Jones
Board of Education President
School District of Rhinelander