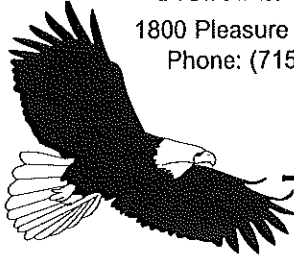


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August 20, 2010

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

As the District Administrator of the Northland Pines School District I am writing this letter to express my **extreme displeasure** in the district-by-district allocation of the Federal Education Jobs Fund.

Wisconsin school districts will receive 179 million dollars in funding to ensure our children receive the resources they need as stated in the letter that was sent out to all Wisconsin District Administrators. **The Northland Pines School District will receive \$73.** The reason we receive \$73 is because the general school aid formula was used to allocate the money. We have as many needs as other districts across the state; as an example because we lost our SAGE waiver with the new SAGE law this year, we will have to add two more SAGE teachers for the 2010-11 school year with no additional funding. We could have used the Education Jobs Fund money to pay for those two teachers. Our school district is nearly 500 square miles and we spend 1.3 million dollars per year on transportation and have less than 3 students per square mile; yet we do not qualify for sparsity aid because we have over 750 students. You can't get much sparser than 3 students per square mile covering 500 square miles. This money is a one time opportunity and our students and districts in the surrounding area will not benefit from with this initiative.

I do realize that the law requires that the fund be distributed through the funding formula or based on districts' relative shares of Title 1. Here are my questions/concerns:

1. What would the distribution look like using the Title 1 criteria?
2. In this law there should at least be a minimum dollar amount for all districts regardless of the formula. Why was this not looked at?
3. I would like to see what the distribution looks like in other states? Is Wisconsin the only state that has this type of funding disparity?
4. Do you realize Wisconsin will have districts that receive \$0 funding and a district that will receive all the way up to \$14,432,873. Is this really what our President intended to happen to this money if each state uses their funding formula to distribute the money? This just goes to show that our funding formula is not working and it needs to be fixed.
5. How do we justify that the students from the left side of the list on page 2 of my letter won't receive any educational benefits and the students from the right side of the list on page 2 will receive education benefits from the Education Jobs Fund? **This seems unbelievably discriminatory.**
6. What can be done to correct the disparity in the distribution of these funds so every school district in Wisconsin gets a piece of the pie!

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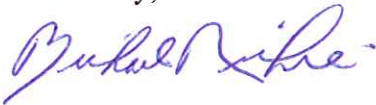
Just to give you a quick idea of the **disparity of the distribution** of this money, here are a few examples on what the following districts will receive according to what was released yesterday:

Northland Pines	\$73	Adams-Friendship	\$619,679
Three Lakes	\$41	Antigo	\$482,173
North Lakeland	\$0	Beaver Dam	\$737,770
Phelps	\$7	Chippewa Falls	\$1,046,803
Lakeland Union	\$45	DC Everest	\$980,043
Florence	\$515	Eau Claire	\$2,504,567
Hayward	\$372	Green Bay	\$3,761,871
Crivitz	\$360	Holmen	\$561,701
Drummond	\$27	Chetek	\$303,691
Elcho	\$25	Crandon	\$338,441
Bayfield	\$194	Lodi	\$501,043
Lac Du Flambeau	\$93	Maple	\$396,625
Mercer	\$7	Nekoosa	\$504,955
Minocqua J1	\$28	Milwaukee	\$14,432,873

The Education Jobs Fund money should be allocated based on **student numbers** prorated by each district. This money should have absolutely **nothing** to do with current funding formula, property values, mill rate, current levies and property rich/property poor school districts, as it does not have any bearing on taxpayers or their current mill rates. This is a one time allocation with the intent that every school district in the nation should receive and how can anyone justify some districts receive very little or no money?

My contact information is as follows: Dr. Michael Richie, District Administrator, 1800 Pleasure Island Road, Eagle River, WI 54521. My phone number is 715-479-6487, Option 1, Ext. 2. My email address is mrichie@npsd.k12.wi.us Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I truly hope something can be done to correct this situation and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Dr. Michael Richie
District Administrator

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