

Mission:

Restore the Wisconsin ideal for public governmental and educational excellence in the tradition of the Wisconsin Idea, as defined in the Wisconsin Constitution and statutes.

Concerning: Government Finance

- TABOR/Tax Freezes - oppose
- Revenue Caps for schools and other governmental units – oppose or reduce negative impact
- QEO – oppose
- School Vouchers – Oppose expansion, increase accountability in student achievement and finance
- Distribution of state school aids - increase equity

Concerning: Technology

- BadgerNet Replacement –
 - School and Library Representation in Governance
- E-rate/ TEACH Replacement/ Universal Service Fund
- Maintain the ability for public entities to provide telecommunications
- Oppose proposed cuts in Title IID of ESEA

Concerning: Educational Resources

- BadgerLink – expanded databases and continued funding
- LSTA – continued funding
- Common School Fund – protection of segregated nature
- ESEA/NCLB – improvements/fully fund
- Library System Aids – 13% full funding
- Library Service Contracts – fully fund all four contracts

Concerning: Intellectual Freedom - Maintain watch on...

- Access
- Privacy
- Academic Freedom
- Copyright
- Patriot Act
- CIPA/Filtering

Participate in improvement of government services

- Government Cooperation
- District Cooperation and/or Consolidation
- Library District Creation
- Impacted constituencies at the table

Fully fund and enforce existing rules, policies, guidelines, standards such as:

- School Library Media (h)
- Gifted & Talented (t)
- Computer Literacy (k)

Implementation Strategies

- Inclusion of multiple groups in meetings with legislators, etc.
- Encourage cooperation and communication between group lobbyists
- There is an obligation for organizations to communicating talking points to memberships (Use technology to post this)
- Share successful strategies between the various groups.
- Ask that today's coalition decisions should be sent to the legislative committees of a broad list of relevant organizations. Each organization should consider adoption of some or all of the issues in their legislative agendas. (In the letter ask for suggestions and comments including items on their agenda that may be of interest to all. Also include an invitation to the February 26th meeting.)
- Follow-up meetings/communication with all (more) groups taking ownership.
 - February 26th meeting for budget (timed for effect on budget)
 - 1) expand the number of groups involved, 2) go through the Governor's budget, 3) hear from existing coalitions, 4) develop a plan of action.
 - Get panel of leaders of organizations to get buy in.
 - Create Listserv and post list of organizations to be invited (follow-up with personal contacts)
 - Post legislative agendas to Listserv
 - WEMA and WLA leg committees will do logistics.