



Wisconsin Environmental Education Board

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Governor James Doyle
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Re: Reinstatement of DPI Environmental Education Consultant

Dear Governor Doyle:

As Chairperson of the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB), I urge you to favorably consider the Department of Public Instruction's request to reinstate the Environmental Education Consultant position within the Department of Public Instruction¹. Without it, our State will:

- Miss federal funding opportunities for education efforts.
- Not benefit from curriculum sharing between school districts.
- Suffer weakened professional development programs for teachers when they are needed most.

And, most importantly, will undermine the position the Governor's office values environmental education in Wisconsin schools.

Reinstatement of the Environmental Education Consultant position is critical to the long-term success of creating and sustaining the environmental literacy of Wisconsin students.

WEEB will gladly discuss what tools we have to make this position a reality. WEEB looks forward to your response as we have confidence in your commitment to insuring Wisconsin citizens acquire the knowledge and skills to safeguard our natural resources for future generations.

Sincerely,

Okho Bohm Hagedorn, WEEB Chairperson

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¹ "DPI Decision Item #4004; 101--General Program Operations s.20.255 (1)(a); page 15."