

Genrich, Local Education Officials Unveil Urban Education Minority Report

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Report to address challenges facing urban schools in Wisconsin.

GREEN BAY - State Representative Eric Genrich (D-Green Bay), GBEA President Lori Cathey, GBAPS Board of Education Member Mike Blecha, and Amy Bahena-Ettner of Green Bay Advocates 4 Public Education unveiled the Minority Report of the Speaker's Task Force on Urban Education this morning at the Brown County Courthouse Rotunda.

The Urban Education Task Force was originally created to address challenges facing urban schools in Wisconsin. However, the official report issued by the chair did not fully reflect the content of the hearings and necessitated the release of a second report.

The mission of the Task Force was to study issues pertaining to teacher recruitment and retention; best practices to address problems such as truancy, below average academic performance, and low graduation rates; ways to improve access to technology in high poverty urban communities; and review the "Opportunity Schools and Partnership Program" created in the 2015-17 budget.

Speakers were available to answer questions about the report and share their thoughts about the direction of urban education in Green Bay and Wisconsin.

A more complete summary of the findings will follow.