Scott Walker Gets an "F" in His First Term in Office

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MADISON - Scott Walker might not be in Wisconsin anymore as he campaigns for president all over the country, but the final grade for his first term in office is ready -- and it's an "F."

According to the latest and most accurate quarterly federal jobs numbers, the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages ("QCEW"), which Scott Walker has referred to as the "gold standard" when it comes to tallying job creation, Walker created just 129,131 new jobs in his first term, or 51.7 percent of his promise.

Scott Walker ran for office -- twice -- on a central campaign promise to create 250,000 new Wisconsin jobs in his first term. In fact, at his first State of the State address, Walker defined success for his first term as governor by his "ability to shape an environment where 250,000 jobs are created."

Back in December 2010, Walker went so far as to say, "I want my Cabinet secretaries to have branded across their heads, `250,000 jobs.' I want them to know their job is on the line because my job is on the line to create 250,000 jobs in the private sector."

And before it became apparent that he would fail miserably at job creation, with a scandal-plagued and failed flagship jobs agency, Walker stated his 250,000 promise was a minimum, not a maximum, and something he "absolutely" wanted to be held accountable to – because his term in office would be judged by his ability to meet the 250,000 jobs promise.

"I know math is hard for Scott Walker, but 52 percent is a failing grade by any standard," Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Mike Tate said Thursday. "Scott Walker might only care about his next job but Wisconsinites still want the jobs he promised."