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GROW school districts using governor's investment to recruit teachers in high-need areas.

MAZOMANIE — Gov. Tony Evers, together with Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Secretary and CEO Missy Hughes and Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary-designee Amy Pechacek, visited the Wisconsin Heights School District on Tuesday to meet some of the first GROW scholarship winners and hear how the effort is beginning to identify prospective teachers in high school and offer them education classes and classroom mentoring opportunities before graduation. The unique scholarship and training program was designed to help build the next generation of highly qualified rural teachers with new, additional investments thanks to Gov. Evers' Workforce Innovation Grant program

The news today comes as, <u>over the last two weeks</u>, Gov. Evers has been visiting classrooms and schools across Wisconsin as part of a back-to-school tour, joining kids, families, educators, and staff in kicking off the new school year. As part of the tour, Gov. Evers announced a \$90 million investment

into K-12 education, including \$75 million to help districts across Wisconsin meet staffing needs to keep class sizes small and provide other direct classroom support. Gov. Evers last week also

## announced key priorities

for his 2023-25 biennial budget, which includes efforts to support Wisconsin's education workforce and address staffing challenges across the state.

## **Evers' Program Bolstering Wisconsin's Education Workforce**

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