

## Rick Melcher Ready for Change in State Superintendent Race

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***Melcher says he is the only candidate who will strengthen the heart of our communities by building relationships to ensure our shared values about education are represented in Madison.***

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MADISON - Rick Melcher is unique among the candidates for Wisconsin's State Superintendent of Public Instruction. A dedicated, committed educator who has worked in both rural and urban communities for 25 years, Rick knows that education is not a partisan issue, it is a moral issue. Rick stands in stark contrast to his political establishment opponents who have clear partisan ties and ideological agendas they will impose on Wisconsin schools.

Rick will travel the state to listen to people and their ideas, hopes, dreams, and concerns about their local schools. "When I am your State Superintendent, we will provide for engaged support of local schools and those who are closest to the students. Communities should be listened to and empowered to do what is needed for the unique needs of students." His campaign is the first step to restore Wisconsin's role as a leader in educating for everyone's future prosperity – not just a select few.

"We must get partisan politics out of schools," Melcher said. "Education happens in the classroom, and it's about relationships - relationships among students, teachers, parents and communities. The best ideas for improving education will grow out of those relationships. They don't come from think tanks and political parties. Partisan power grabs by establishment politicians are destroying community schools in Wisconsin."

"My campaign is focused on the values we teach our kids regarding our local schools. If one child in Wisconsin is denied educational opportunities, or is unable to pursue their dreams because of partisan politics, we are failing in our responsibility to them and the future. As your State Superintendent, I will:

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**actively engage communities to protect our investment in public education, and empower our future citizens through public education.”**

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**ensure that we live up to our responsibility for the future and our community schools – where our children learn what is necessary to be citizens in a democracy”**

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**actively engage communities to protect our public schools from greedy political self-interests, and ensure that our shared community values about public education are represented in our state government.”**

Wisconsin is a place where we always look out for each other in our families and communities. We live by the Golden Rule, to care for others as ourselves. My campaign is about ensuring that idea is alive and well in local schools all across Wisconsin.

***“Successful School, Successful Communities”***