



July 20, 2017

Dear Superintendent Tony Evers,

I'm writing today because we the Board of the Wisconsin Society of Science Teacher believe that making STEM a priority in Wisconsin under the new Every Student Succeeds Act can help ensure all our children have the opportunity for not only a great education, but also to pursue the college or career pathway of their choice. We care about our children's future and know they need a strong STEM foundation to develop the critical thinking and problem-solving skills they need to succeed in school, work, and life.

As the state of Wisconsin develops our ESSA plan, we hope you will think about our classrooms. We know that STEM learning opportunities and support for STEM teachers are mentioned specifically throughout the new law and its guiding documents. We understand that ESSA provides states with flexibility to set new policy and funding priorities, and you can do that to support STEM learning.

We need strong STEM learning today for our future tomorrow. STEM is critical for a well-rounded education for all students. It is a way of thinking and learning as much as it is tied to a specific curriculum. It helps engage kids in school and learn important life skills, such as creativity, perseverance and experimentation. It is fundamental and I hope our state plan in Wisconsin will reflect that.

Thank you for all you are doing to make education stronger in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

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