"LOOK FOR THE HELPERS"
How Wisconsin public education advocates can help solve our funding crisis
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Every child deserves an equally excellent public school.
No exceptions.

Wisconsin Constitution, Article X, Section 3
“The legislature shall provide by law for the establishment of district schools, which shall be as nearly uniform as practicable; and such schools shall be free and without charge for tuition to all children between the ages of 4 and 20 years; and no sectarian instruction shall be allowed therein.”

Who we are
We are an inclusive, non-partisan coalition connecting ALL public education supporters to information, actions, and each other.
The people who know and care the most about our students and schools should be HEARD the LOUDEST and RESPECTED the MOST.

PUBLIC OPINION: Strong bipartisan support

2016: Record referenda passed statewide (80% of 155)
2017: 80% favor increase to public school funding

Wisconsin is $709 million/year below 2009 funding levels

Policy & local control

Real challenges

What do public education advocates want?

1. Full and fair funding
2. Local control of local schools
3. A voice in decision-making
4. Policy that helps kids
5. Moratorium on voucher expansion + accountability
6. No more political games
How can we get there?
Public input. Public policy. #MakeItLocal

Take time to build relationships

Focus on what matters: children
Be an everyday ambassador for public schools!

Stay informed
Wisconsin’s black-white achievement gap won’t close nation despite decade of efforts

Get involved
Be a Hunger Hero for San Pelegrin students

Every election matters
From school board to referenda, state to national.
Focus on issues and values.
Speak up. We are the voice of our children.

The SNOWBALL effect
Courage is contagious

Portage administrators: State bump in school aid ‘does nothing for our kids’

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker proposes $6.49 million more for state schools

Making an impact
Local action works

Thank you
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