

Wisconsin Coalition for Children

What we believe all Wisconsin's children deserve

The Wisconsin Coalition for Children is a network of organizations that represents a variety of people throughout the state. We are parents and grandparents, educators and school board members, members of religious organizations and civic groups, retired people and students.

We believe that education is a public responsibility and that a strong public education system is the foundation of both our democracy and an economy that works well for all.

We also believe our state has a responsibility to provide resources necessary to ensure that every child is given the opportunity to learn in school and succeed in life. Specifically, we believe that all Wisconsin's children deserve:

- 1) **Accountable Schools** that are constituted democratically, operated transparently, and fully accountable to the public that supports and pays for them.
- 2) **Small Class Size** that provides for the individual attention students need to succeed.
- 3) **Great professional teachers and administrators** who are highly educated, fully certified, experienced, and have professional autonomy.
- 4) **Broad, Rich and Rigorous Curriculum** that includes significant exposure to art and music, regular physical education classes, the opportunity to develop the home language and learn other languages in addition to English, a choice of Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate classes and/or high quality career/technical education classes, and overall learning that is broad and relevant rather than narrowly focused on tests.
- 5) **Quality Early Childhood Education** that is developmentally appropriate with community support and high quality services for preschool-aged children.
- 6) **Guaranteed Access to Quality Special Education** services for all students who need them.
- 7) **Parent Rights and Duties** including meaningful opportunities for parents to be involved in their children's schools and their education.
- 8) **State of the Art Technology and Library/Media Centers** that are well staffed with certified librarians, have ample books and periodicals, and include up-to-date computers and broadband.
- 9) **Expanded Learning Options** like tutoring, mentoring, before/after and summer school.
- 10) **Wrap-around Services**, including career counseling, health care services, safety measures and parenting programs to better address the needs of children and families and to better connect schools with their communities.

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