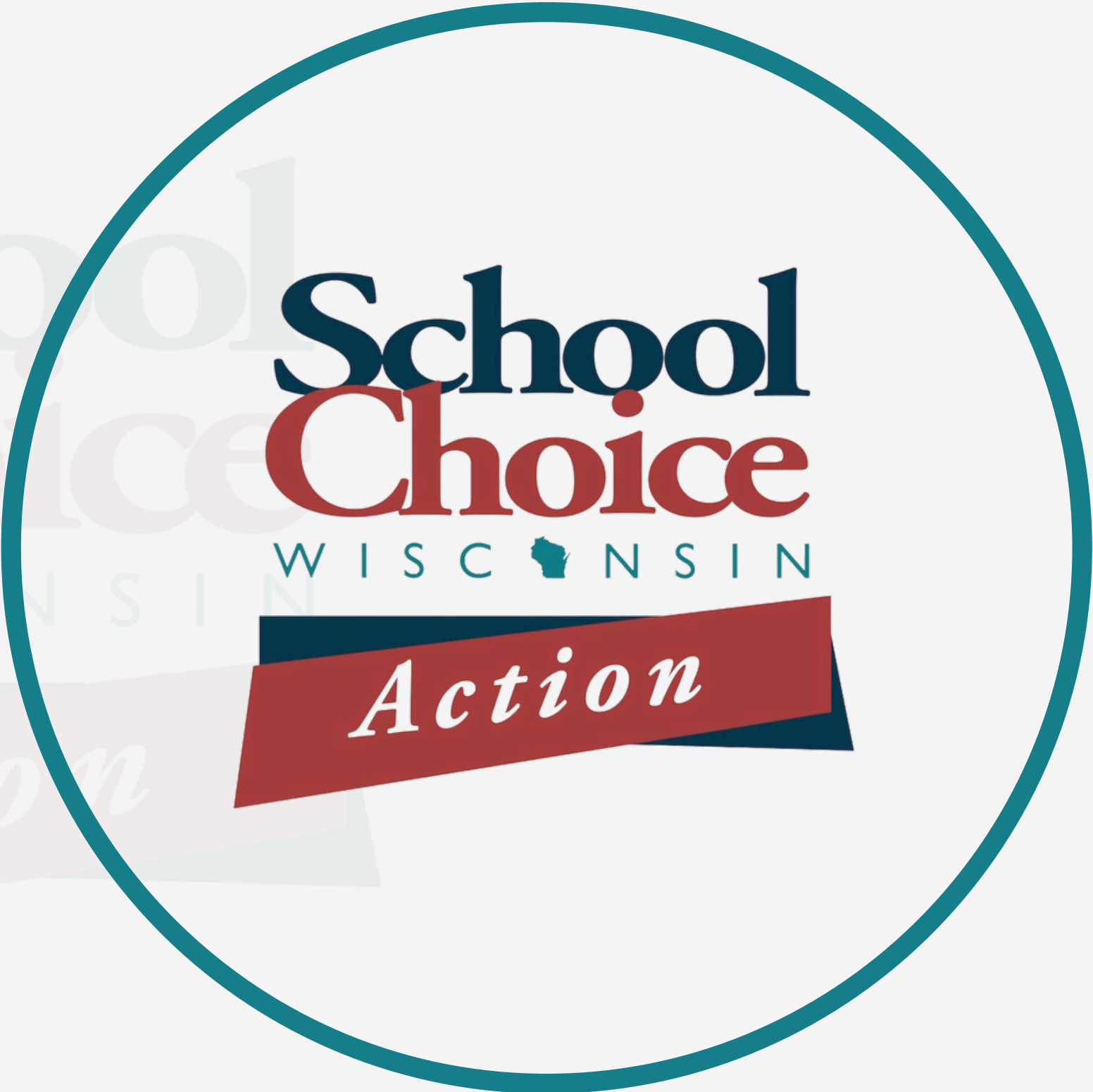


LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

MAY 16, 2024 at 10 am



Introductions



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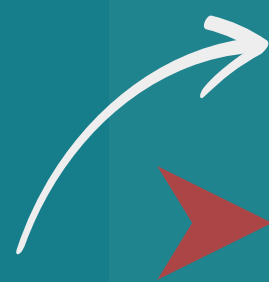
Carol Shires
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2023-2024 Session Schedule at a Glance

January 3, 2023
 January 10, 2023
 January, 17 to 26, 2023
 February 14 to 16, 2023
 March 14 to 23, 2023
 April 18 to 27, 2023
 • May 4, 2023
 May 16 to 23, 2023
 June 6 to 30, 2023 OR budget passage
 • August 3, 2023
 • August 3, 2023 (or later)
 September 12 to 21, 2023
 October 10 to 19, 2023
 November 7 to 14, 2023
 • November 30, 2023
 January 16 to 23, 2024
 February 13 to 22, 2024
 March 12 to 14, 2024
 • April 4, 2024
 April 11, 2024
April 16 to 18, 2024
 • April 25, 2024
 May 14 and 15, 2024
 March 15, 2024, to January 6, 2025
 • June 5, 2024
 January 6, 2025

2023 Inauguration
 Floorperiod
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Bills sent to Governor
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Nonbudget bills sent to Governor
Budget bill sent to Governor
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Bills sent to Governor
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Bills sent to Governor
 Last general-business Floorperiod
Limited-business Floorperiod
Bills sent to Governor
 Veto review Floorperiod
 Interim, committee work
Bills sent to Governor
 2025 Inauguration

Regular Session
 Adjourned!



Session Recap



- Bills introduced- over 1,200 (2,400 including companion bills)
- Bills signed into Law- 272
- Vetoes- 76
- Education - approx. 20% of bills introduced affect schools or are otherwise related to education
- SCWA watch list- 200+

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SCW/SCWA 2023-2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



01

Per Pupil Payment Increase

02

Decoupling

03

Strengthen and Simplify



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

**Per Pupil Payment Increase
AB 305/SB 330**

**Signed into Law as Act 11
on 6/21/2023**

You can feel confident using these figures for your budgeting and planning purposes for the 2024-2025 school year.

Any funding beyond the current biennium is subject to change. It will be determined in the next biennial budget.

Note - recent court challenge to Governor Evers 400 year veto in the last budget to provide annual \$325 per pupil increases.



	2023-24 Payment	Indexing 2024-25	2024-25 Payment	2025-26 Payment
K-8	\$9,893	\$344	\$10,237	?
9-12	\$12,387	\$344	\$12,731	?
SNSP	\$15,065	\$344	\$15,409	?

PROGRESS...

**AB 900/SB 868
Decoupling**

- **Passed in Assembly**
- **Will be a priority next session**

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PROGRESS...

AB 1042/SB 989 Strengthen & Simplify

- **Passed in Senate**
 - Automatic re-enrollment
 - Combine and align programs
 - Short term sub teaching permit
- **Will be a priority next session**

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Bills Impacting Choice Schools



1

Increased Funding - Act 11

Historic bipartisan support, number one priority!

2

Literacy Bill - Act 20

Several provisions apply to private choice schools

3

School Safety Reporting - Act 12

Effective 2024-2025 school year

4

UW Automatic Acceptance - Act 95

Ranking of students based on GPA required

5

Sexual Misconduct - Act 200

Creates a new crime prohibiting sexual misconduct by a school staff member or volunteer against a pupil

SCWA Policy Bulletin: Literacy Bill - 2023 Wisconsin Act 20

Summary:

Act 20 makes various changes relating to early literacy instruction, curriculum, assessments, and interventions, as well as teacher licensing and preparation.

Many provisions of Act 20 do NOT apply to schools in the Choice programs

Act 20 does NOT apply to SNSP only schools.

Literacy Bill - Act 20

Private Schools Applicability

Curriculum

Schools are required to provide science-based early literacy instruction in both universal and intervention settings.

Three-cueing instruction and curricula are prohibited in grades K through 3.

DPI will publish a list of grant-eligible curriculum. Schools DO NOT have to choose curriculum from a DPI list.

3rd Grade Promotion Policy

Schools must adopt a promotion policy that includes intensive intervention services for students at low proficiency levels on the state standardized test for reading in third grade (i.e., FORWARD exam).

DPI will provide a model policy

Schools adopt their own policy. SCWA will obtain legal guidance to support schools in developing a policy to comply with this requirement.

Reading Coaches

At least two low-performing schools will be offered literacy coaches at no cost to them.

Schools are not required to accept literacy coach assistance.

Act 20 - Curriculum Grants

<https://dpi.wi.gov/wi-reads>

2024-2025 Grant Eligible Early Literacy Instructional Materials List

Districts that purchase approved materials on or after March 11, 2024 are eligible for a partial reimbursement grant. More details of the grant and the grant application will be available “soon”. Note that due to the timeline for the availability of these funds and the fact that these grants must be prorated based on the number of districts that apply and the amounts they are applying for, it is possible that reimbursements will not be provided to districts until 2026. DPI cannot guarantee any specific amount of funding.

List of early literacy instructional materials eligible for grants in 2024-2025:

- *Bookworms Reading and Writing K-3* (Open Up Resources, 2022)
- *Core Knowledge Language Arts K-3* (CKLA, Amplify Education, 2022)
- **EL Education K-3 Language Arts* (Open Up Resources, 2017)
- ***Wit and Wisdom* (Great Minds, 2020) with *Geodes* and *PK-3 Reading Curriculum* (Really Great Reading)

Act 20 - Promotion Policy

<https://dpi.wi.gov/wi-reads/act-20-faq>

Do schools have to retain third-grade students based on reading assessment scores?

No. DPI is required to create a model (or example) policy for promoting students from third grade to fourth grade that includes reading achievement criteria. Each school must adopt and implement their own policy for promoting students from third grade to fourth grade that includes reading achievement criteria and required reading interventions for all tested students not at grade level in third grade.

School Choice Wisconsin Action plans to obtain legal guidance to support Choice schools in developing their own promotion policies to satisfy this requirement.

This policy must be adopted and implemented by July 1, 2025. Effective September 1, 2027, a school may not promote a student not reading at grade level from third to fourth grade without satisfying the criteria specified in the policy.

Act 20 - Promotion Policy, cont.

<https://dpi.wi.gov/wi-reads/act-20-faq>

What interventions must Choice schools provide to third-grade students promoted to fourth grade not reading at grade level?

For all pupils scoring below grade level on the state reading test, Choice schools must notify the parent, provide the child with intensive instructional services, progress monitoring, and supports to remediate identified areas of deficiency; and provide the child with an intensive summer reading program each summer until the child scores at grade-level in reading on a summative assessment.

What does “intensive instructional services” mean?

Providing “intensive instructional services” means adjusting or intensifying instruction based on student response and the needs such as more time for targeted instruction; reducing group size for explicit instruction and/or practice; grouping children with similar learning needs; increasing engagement strategies; and support for applying new and developing learning in independent reading and writing.

**** Good cause exceptions are allowed (see FAQ link for details)**

Act 20 - Private Schools Requirements

<https://dpi.wi.gov/wi-reads/act-20-faq>

What is required for private schools that are part of the Private School Choice Program (PSCP)?

Schools may not purchase or implement three-cueing instruction and curricula for use in grades K through 3.

Schools are eligible for partial curriculum reimbursement grants. If not seeking grant reimbursement, schools may select and purchase any science-based literacy curriculum. Schools do not have to choose from a DPI list.

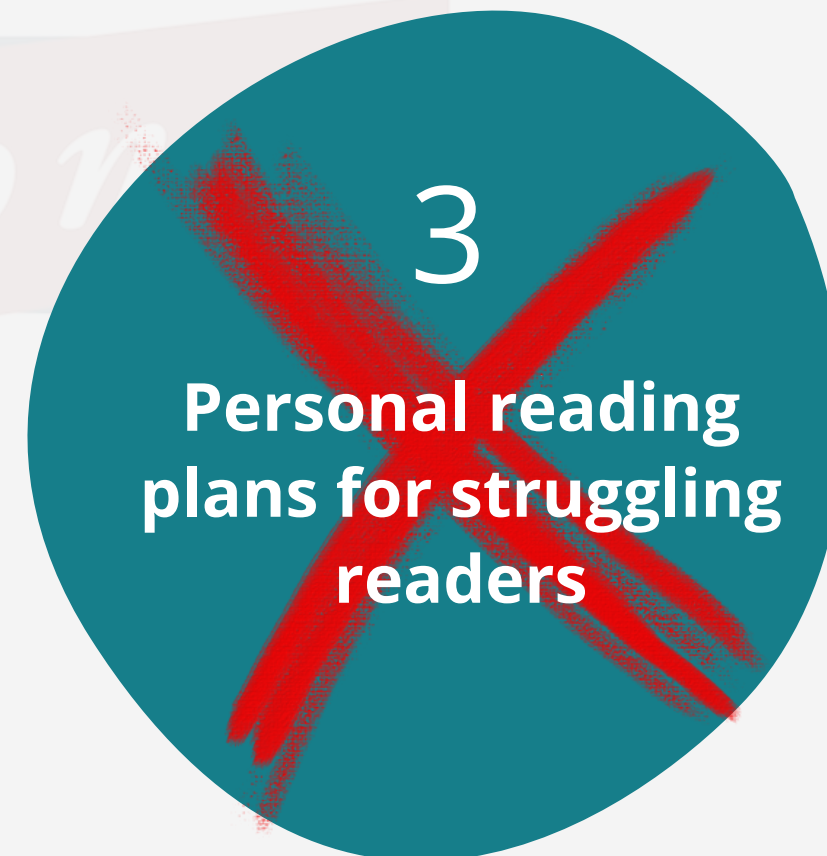
The statewide summative reading assessment must be administered to all students (Choice and non-choice) if opting into All Student Report Card.

Report cards must include reporting data from the 3rd grade state reading test, including the percentage of students reading at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.

Schools must adopt and implement a policy for promoting students from 3rd to 4th grade that includes reading achievement criteria and required reading interventions for students not reading at grade level in 3rd grade.

Literacy Bill - Act 20

Public and Charter ONLY
(not required for private schools)



Act 20 - Private Schools Requirements

<https://dpi.wi.gov/wi-reads/act-20-faq>

What is NOT required for private schools that are part of the PSCP?

Choice school staff are not required to participate in a required reading training (i.e., staff professional development).

Choice schools are not required to administer the reading readiness screener or the diagnostic reading assessments.

Choice schools are not required to create personal reading plans. Instead, a student's score on the state third grade reading test triggers the requirement for a choice school to provide reading supports and services within its fourth grade promotion policy.

If selected for a statewide early literacy coach assignment, a Choice school is not obligated to accept the placement.

Choice schools are not required to create and post early literacy remediation plans and are not required to report data from any elective reading assessments or screenings to DPI.

SCWA Policy Bulletin: School Safety Reporting - Act 12

Summary:

2023 Wisconsin Act 12 requires high schools, including private choice, to report statistics regarding criminal incidents and file an annual report to DPI.

The reporting requirement applies to the following types of incidents:

- Homicide
- Sexual assault
- Burglary, robbery, or theft
- Arson
- Use or possession of alcohol, a controlled substance, or a controlled substance analog
- Possession of a firearm in violation of the gun-free school zones law
- Disorderly conduct in violation of a municipal ordinance

The reporting requirement applies **ONLY** if the incident:

- Occurs on property owned or leased by the school or relevant governing body;
- Occurs during school hours, a school-sanctioned event, or transportation of pupils to or from school;
- AND is reported to law enforcement AND results in the filing of a criminal charge or municipal citation.

**First report due to DPI July 31, 2025
for incidents in 2024-25 school year.**

SCWA Policy Bulletin: Automatic UW Acceptance - Act 95

Summary:

2023 Wisconsin Act 95 requires schools, including private choice high schools to rank pupils solely on the basis of GPA at the completion of 11th grade.

- **University of Wisconsin campuses must guarantee admission to pupils in top 10% of their class (top 5% for UW Madison)**
- **Rankings may be based on weighted or unweighted GPA but must be uniform**
- **Schools must provide notice to pupils ranking in the top 10% and note on pupil's transcript**
- **Virtual private schools do not have to rank pupils, ACT scores will be used for guaranteed admission**

**Class ranking and transcript requirements begin in 2024-2025.
UW requirements first apply to applications for 2025-2026.**

SCWA Policy Bulletin: Sexual Misconduct Act - 200

Summary:

2023 Wisconsin Act 200 defines sexual misconduct and makes it a Class I felony for a school staff member or volunteer to commit sexual misconduct against a pupil

Law Enforcement Agency Reporting Requirements

- Agency must notify DPI if it receives a report of an alleged violation of sexual misconduct by a school staff person or volunteer; and
- If agency receives a report from a mandatory reporter of conduct that constitutes a violation of sexual misconduct by a school staff person or volunteer, the agency must notify DPI and provide name of person and school.

Prohibits a licensee from having license reinstated by DPI if they are convicted of:

- A crime against a child that is a Class H felony or higher;
- A conviction for felony invasion of privacy or sexual misconduct by a school staff person or volunteer; and
- Any of these violations under another federal law or the laws of another state.

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SCWA Policy Bulletin: Sexual Misconduct - Act 200, Continued

Definitions Created:

“Sexual misconduct” means verbal conduct of a sexual nature or physical contact of a sexual nature directed by a person at another person of the same or opposite gender.

“Verbal conduct of a sexual nature” means communications made intentionally for any of the following purposes:

1. Sexually degrading or sexually humiliating the pupil
2. Sexually degrading or sexually humiliating the actor
3. Sexually arousing or sexually gratifying the pupil
4. Sexually arousing or sexually gratifying the actor

Other Bills of Interest

Financial Literacy Act 60

Does NOT apply to private choice schools

Hmong American Instruction Act 266

Does NOT apply to private choice schools

Opioid Antagonist Act 194

Grants civil immunity to schools

Glucagon Rescue Therapy Act 193

Creates immunity from liability for schools



SCWA BILLS WATCH LIST

● Child Abuse Poster (mandate)

● Cursive Writing Instruction (mandate)

● Civics Instruction (mandate)

● Librarian/Educator (Eliminate immunity from prosecution)

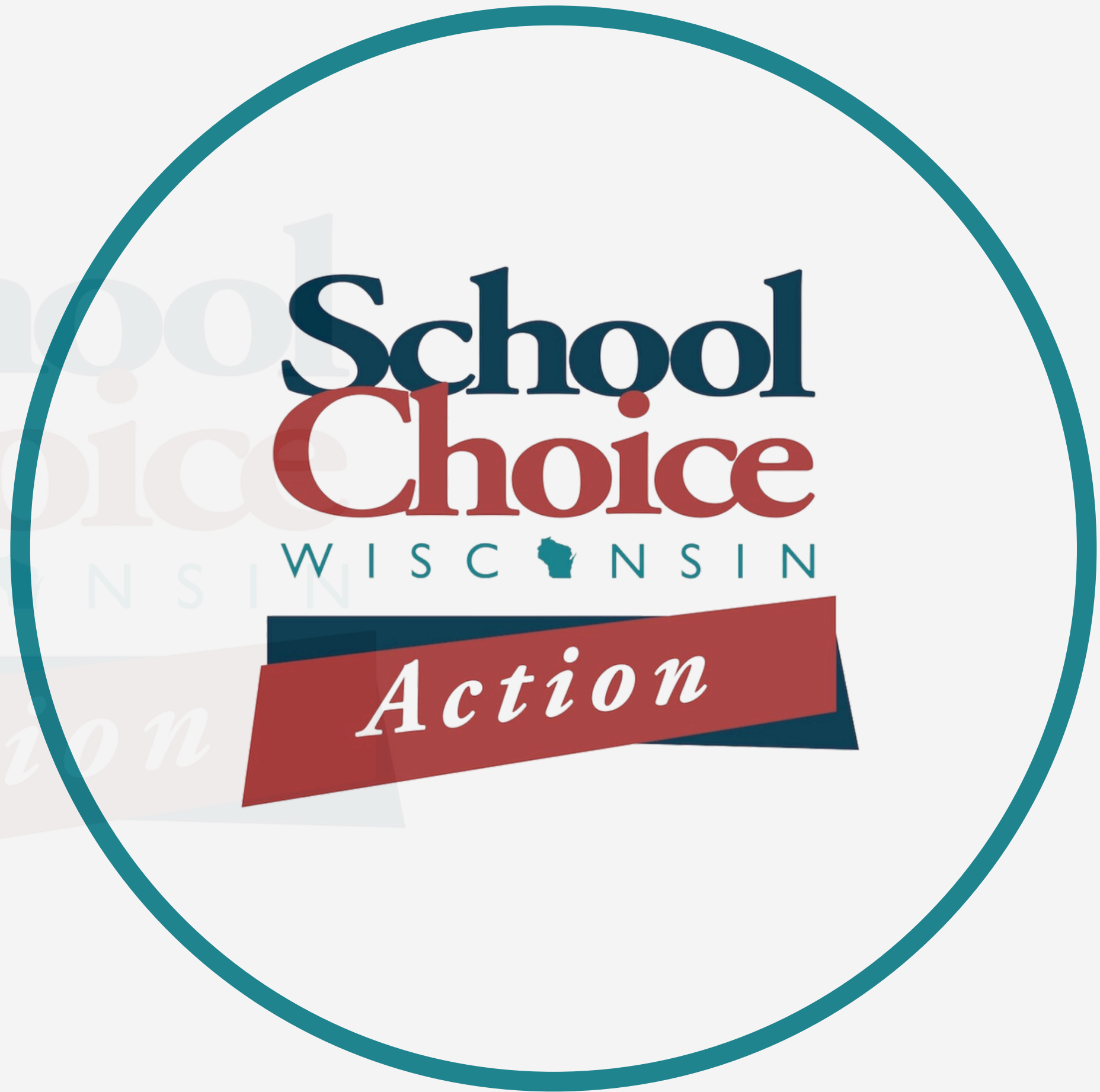
● Two Anti-School Choice Bill Packages

- All bills listed above failed to pass

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Questions?



Thank You!

