

## What is the State Superintendent of Public Instruction?

- Head of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
- Oversees public schools and libraries
- Seeks and promotes ways to improve schools
- Evaluates performance of schools
- Elected to serve a four year term
- This is a nonpartisan office with no term limit



## What does the Department of Public Instruction Do?

**Provides guidance and technical support to public schools**



**Reviews and approves library staff, school administrator, and educator training programs and licenses.**



**Ensures that school districts meet their responsibilities to students with disabilities as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).**



**Proposes a state education budget to the governor.**



**Distributes funding to public schools and libraries.**



**Administers the Wisconsin Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**



**The state superintendent of public instruction makes an impact on Wisconsinites' lives. Their decisions impact:**

School curriculum choices



Education for children with disabilities



Educator quality



Public library resources



Educational opportunities



## How do you decide who to vote for?

### 1. Decide what you are looking for in a candidate

- What issues are important to you?
- What qualities do you want in a leader?
- Which candidate's priorities align with your values?

### 2. Learn about the candidates

- Visit their websites. Watch candidate forums and interviews. Visit [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org). Seek other nonpartisan sources for information.
- What are their qualifications?
- What are their priorities?

### 3. Sort it out

- Which candidate's priorities and views on the role best match your own views?
- Who seems most prepared for the job?
- Who has the leadership qualities you are looking for?