

Insight director hopes for compromise

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GRANTSBURG – Insight School Executive Director, Jeff Bush released this statement Wednesday on recent developments to pending virtual school legislation.

An amended version to the current compromise bill by the state senate this week sets a cap on virtual school enrollment statewide and also would “lock out” new students from participating for the next two years.

“We are hopeful a compromise bill protecting the educational choices of all students around the state can be crafted. The cap amendment added to SB396 is a concern, as it limits choices for students.

“Rep. Davis, Rep. Oregon, will be introducing a new assemble bill (AB870) on the floor Thursday, which does include an auditing provision, but does not have a “lock out” provision or enrollment cap. We are hopeful the senate, assembly, and governor can work together to solve the issues created with SB396 and we are encouraging our parents at Insight School of Wisconsin to contact their legislatures and the governor in an effort to craft a suitable compromise bill to protect this option for all students in the state of Wisconsin.”

In a letter to Insight School families Bush urged them to once again to lend a hand in support of virtual schools. Bush told supporters their efforts to protect virtual schools in Wisconsin by contacting their representatives and attending hearings in Madison several weeks ago brought about debate in state Senate and Assembly resulting in a compromise bill. In the letter Bush said it was hoped the compromise bill would pass and be signed by the governor without amendments but unfortunately this week the senate did amend the bill.

“The Wisconsin Coalition of Virtual School Families has begun a letter writing campaign in response to this new development threatening virtual schools. Bush told Insight families their voices are needed again. “Your efforts may very well once again convince our legislators and governor on the merits and need for this educational option for students in Wisconsin. Please help project the freedom to choose in Wisconsin.”

“Rep. Davis is expected to propose a competing bill Monday which will seek to avoid a cap and result in a new compromise bill which the governor, assembly and senate can all agreed to.” - from Insight School