



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### The Wisconsin Covenant Memorandum of Understanding

The Wisconsin Covenant embodies Governor Jim Doyle's vision that Wisconsin should help every child in the state succeed in high school and aspire to higher education. The Covenant is a partnership that promotes access to, success in, and affordability of higher education.

The Wisconsin Covenant, through a partnership between the Office of the Governor, the state Department of Public Instruction, the University of Wisconsin System, the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, as well as Wisconsin businesses and the philanthropic community, will promote:

- **Access to higher education** by ensuring that all students who successfully participate in the program are guaranteed a place in higher education in Wisconsin;
- **Success in higher education** by promoting high standards and encouraging students to take courses that prepare them for higher education; and
- **Affordability of higher education** by ensuring that all students who successfully complete the program can afford tuition and fees.

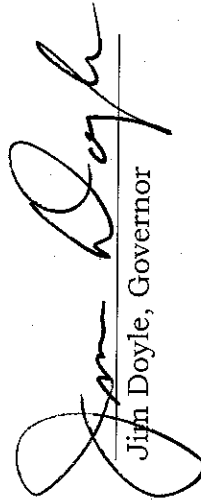
The Wisconsin Covenant promotes access to, success in, and affordability of education according to the following principles:

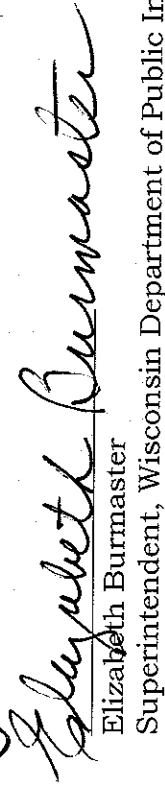
- The Wisconsin Covenant is open to and encourages all Wisconsin children to aspire to higher education.
- The Wisconsin Covenant is open to students seeking to attend campuses of the University of Wisconsin System, the Wisconsin Technical College System, and the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.
- Students who want to participate in the Wisconsin Covenant will sign a pledge in 8<sup>th</sup> grade affirming that they will earn a high school diploma, participate in their community by being good citizens, take a high school curriculum that prepares them for higher education, maintain a B average in high school, and apply in a timely manner for state and federal financial aid.
- The State of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Covenant community will recognize students who successfully fulfill the Covenant requirements as Wisconsin Covenant Scholars.
- The State of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Covenant community will make sure there is a place for each Covenant Scholar in higher education and a financial aid package to cover tuition and fees for each Covenant Scholar as needed.
- The Wisconsin Covenant community will support the Covenant Scholars and help them achieve these goals.
- The State of Wisconsin will increase its investment in higher education need-based financial aid grants to cover tuition and fees for current high school and college students with the greatest financial need. The Governor will include funding for this financial assistance in his 2007-09 biennial budget.

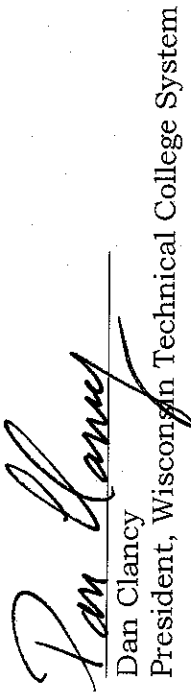
To help make the Wisconsin Covenant a reality for Wisconsin students and their families, the University of Wisconsin System, the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the Wisconsin Technical College System, and the Department of Public Instruction will work together to ensure:

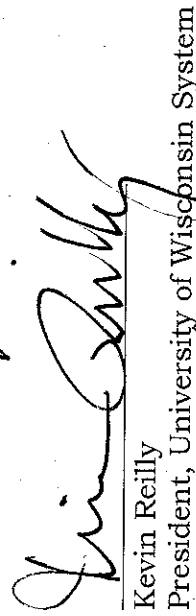
1. **There is a place for each Covenant Scholar in higher education.** The respective systems will work to prioritize the entrance of the Covenant Scholars into their systems and identify a place for each Scholar, if possible, in the higher education system of their choice.
2. **Covenant Scholars can access available financial resources** including, but not limited to, scholarships, grants, loans, and work that will put higher education within reach for each Covenant Scholar.
3. **Support for the Covenant Scholars in middle and high school to help them achieve their goals** through the continuation, expansion, or establishment of pre-college programming, mentoring, tutoring, and other local supports.

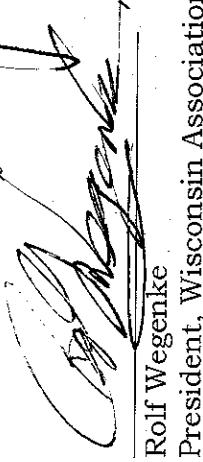
We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to the above:

  
Jim Doyle, Governor

  
Elizabeth Burmaster  
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