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Exemplary principals complete participation in urban leadership project

Wallace Fellows will apply new learning to their work in Wisconsin schools

MADISON—Twenty-six school principals from Green Bay, Kenosha, Madison, Milwaukee, and Racine will complete their participation in the Wisconsin Urban Schools Leadership Project during a meeting and brief graduation ceremony May 9 in the Madison area. State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster will deliver a congratulatory address. A list of the principals follows.

The Wisconsin Urban Schools Leadership Project has brought together exemplary high school, middle level, and elementary principals from the five urban areas, along with education faculty from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee. This is the second group of principals to participate in the three-year project, funded by a Wallace Foundation grant, to transform school leadership in Wisconsin and develop a state and national model for master educator licensure.

Chosen for their ability to lead and effect change, the 26 “Wallace Fellows” have taken university coursework, reflected on their administrative practice, provided peer support, and worked in small groups to explore ways to plan, assess, and improve learning communities in their schools. They have examined various methods of collecting and using data to focus school improvement efforts. As part of the project, each principal is evaluated for a Wisconsin Master Educator license.

These graduating Wallace Fellows may also be asked to share their expertise with other urban principals in future projects.

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WHO: Urban School Principals from Green Bay, Kenosha, Madison, Milwaukee, and Racine

WHAT: Final day in the Wisconsin Urban Schools Leadership Project, including graduation ceremony and speech by State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster

WHEN: May 9, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Marriott Madison West
1313 John Q. Hammons Drive
Middleton, WI

**Principals graduating from the
Wisconsin Urban Schools Leadership Project
May 9, 2008**

Green Bay Area School District

Mary Ann Anderson
Jefferson Elementary School

Rod Bohm
Edison Middle School

Patrick Batey
Aldo Leopold Community School

Theresa Willems
Danz Elementary School

Kenosha Unified School District

Richard Aiello
Indian Trail Academy

Belinda Grantham
Headstart Program

William Hittman
LakeView Technology Academy

Elizabeth Sabo
Washington Middle School

Susan Valeri
Grewenow Elementary School

Madison Metropolitan School District

Nancy Evans
Wright Middle School

Anne Fischer
Select Secondary Alternative Schools

Sandra Gunderson
Mendota Elementary School

Alan Harris
East High School

Lisa Kvistad
Lowell Elementary School

Milwaukee Public Schools

Kathy Bonds
Custer High School

Sallie Brown
Wisconsin Conservatory of Lifelong Learning

Raymond Collie
Henry David Thoreau School

Virginia Cullen
Curtin Leadership Academy

Thyra Handford
River Trail Elementary School

Yolanda Hernandez
Hayes Bilingual Elementary School

Linda Roundtree
Ralph H. Metcalfe

Mary Zimmerman
Goodrich Elementary School

Racine Unified School District

Angela Apmann
Julian Thomas Elementary School

Matthew Geiger
West Ridge Elementary School

LoriSue Pelk
McKinley Middle School

Gayle Titus
Knapp Elementary School