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Dear Friend of Rural Wisconsin:

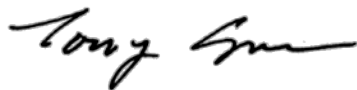
I am pleased to open nominations for the “2010 Standing Up for Rural Wisconsin Schools, Libraries, and Communities Award.” We are seeking nominations of partnerships between and among schools, libraries, and communities that have resulted in programs or projects which demonstrate the great potential and spirit of rural Wisconsin.

The “Standing Up for Rural Wisconsin Schools, Libraries, and Communities Award” began in March 2005, when eight schools and communities were recognized for exemplary programs. Since 2005, thirty more programs have been honored at the State Capitol. For a description of the previous award winners, please see our website at www.dpi.wi.gov/rural/suawards.html.

This year’s nomination form is attached. Please note the **January 15, 2010**, deadline for submission. The awards ceremony will be held on Monday, February 22, 2010, in the State Capitol. The nomination form can be filled out on-line at www.dpi.wi.gov/rural/suawards.html and submitted to rebecca.hannah@dpi.wi.gov or by mail to: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Attn: Rebecca Hannah, Office of the State Superintendent, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841.

Wisconsin’s rural areas are alive, healthy, and vibrant. While resources are limited, there are no limits to the enthusiasm, drive, and energy that characterize rural areas all across Wisconsin. We hope you nominate a program in your area worthy of recognition and make this year’s awards ceremony the best ever. Thank you for the great work that you do supporting the students and citizens of rural Wisconsin and we hope to see you at this year’s celebration.

Sincerely,



Tony Evers, PhD
State Superintendent

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Enclosure