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Stromme, Denise

From: Grothman, Glenn
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2008 2:06 PM
To: Sen. Lehman
Cc: Rylander, Thomas; Browne, Michael; Dauscher, Sara; Stromme, Denise; Churchill, Jolene; Emerson, James
Subject: Request for a Public Hearing and Executive Session

February 5, 2008

Dear Senator Lehman,

I am writing to request that you hold a Public Hearing and Executive Session on SB383 which is currently in your Committee on Education. I appreciate your attention to this matter and if you have any questions please contact my office at 608-266-7513.

Sincerely,

Glenn Grothman

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 5, 2008

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Grothman Praises Assembly Education Reform Committee *Every Child Deserves a Great Teacher Bill Moves Forward*

Today, the Assembly Education Reform Committee voted 4 to 2 in favor of the *“Every Child Deserves a Great Teacher Bill”* (Assembly Bill 670) sponsored by Senator Glenn Grothman (R-West Bend) and Representative Don Pridemore (R- Hartford).

“During many conversations with school board members and administrators, one of their primary frustrations is the inability to remove unsatisfactory teachers from the classroom,” said Grothman. **“I was, therefore, pleased when I was approached by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards to be the Senate author of this important legislation.”**

No private business could operate effectively with the inability to remove poor performing employees. This legislation allows school districts to remove teachers every two years for reasons that are not arbitrary or capricious. Recently in my own district, over \$200,000 was spent on removing a teacher who watched pornography on a school computer. They may yet have to spend more on legal fees.

A child only has one second grade teacher. No matter how much additional money is thrown at a school district, that child’s academic growth can be stunted without a quality teacher in the classroom. Incredibly, defenders of the current system claim that if you document a bad teacher’s performance for two or three years, only then can you remove a teacher.

“I am disappointed that while the Assembly Education Reform Committee has already voted this bill out of committee, the Senate Education Committee has not yet had a hearing on Senate Bill 383. I would like to ask Senator Lehman for a hearing on this bill,” said Grothman. **“It is time to make our children the primary focus of our schools.”**

In the real world, most people are at-will employees. If a legislator introduced a bill making it this difficult to fire an employee at a car wash, a lawn care service, or a burger stand, the business community would rightly be outraged in that quality of lawn care, car washes, or fast food would get worse and the cost would go up. Nevertheless, we continue with a system in which education is thought to be less important than say, car washes or lawn care. A system in which the “rights” of employees are considered more important than the “rights” of students is scandalous. Every Child Deserves a Great Teacher!