

17 October 2025

Jim Zellmer

Mr. Josh Kaul
Attorney General
State of Wisconsin
17 W. Main St.
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Mr. Kaul:

RE: DPI Open Records Request Response

I write to share my 6 October 2025 open records request to the Wisconsin DPI for information submitted on 15 July, 2025 as part of Act 20 and their 16 October 2025 response.

The curious delay in light of our decades long disastrous literacy results and ACT 20 legislation, surely requires investigation, accountability and immediate publication.

I contacted one of your predecessors on a similar matter years ago. His office was quite helpful in resolving the public records request, expeditiously.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and best wishes,

Jim Zellmer

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From: Wisconsin Dept of Public Instruction via Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Webmaster@dpi.wi.gov
Subject: Receipt: You have submitted a DPI Public Records Request to the Wisconsin Dept of Public Instruction
Date: October 6, 2025 at 16:35
To: jim.zellmer@icloud.com



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Your DPI Public Records Request was submitted on Monday, October 6, 2025 - 4:35 pm by Email address: jim.zellmer@icloud.com

The DPI has received your request for records. A response will be provided as soon as practicable and without delay.

Under Wis. Stat. § 19.35(3), the DPI may charge for the costs of copying, mailing, and/or locating the records to respond to open records requests. Section 19.35(3)(f) allows the DPI to require prepayment for these costs if the total amount exceeds \$5.00. An estimate will be sent if pre-payment is required. If, upon completing the response to this request, it is determined the estimated amount is insufficient to cover the actual costs of copying, mailing, and/or locating the requested records, you may be asked to pay the remainder before the records are sent to you.

If your request for records is denied, in whole or in part, the DPI will provide you with the reason for the denial. Under Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4)(b), the Department's decision to deny your request is subject to review by mandamus under Wis. Stat. § 19.37(1), or upon application to the attorney general or to your local district attorney.

Thank you for your request!

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

The information you submitted was:
First name: Jim
Last name: Zellmer
Phone:
Email address: jim.zellmer@icloud.com
Request Information:
Happy Monday.

I write to request per school and district pupil at risk data (Act 20) submitted to the Wisconsin DPI by 7.15.2025:

The number of pupils in grades 4K through grade 3 identified as at-risk on the reading readiness screener during the previous school year

- The names of the diagnostic reading assessments the district used in the previous school year
- The number of pupils identified as at-risk based on the results of a diagnostic reading assessment during the previous school year
- The number of 5K through grade 3 pupils who received reading interventions during the previous school year by grade-level
- The number of 5K through grade 3 pupils who received a personal reading plan during the previous school year
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- The number of 5k through grade 3 pupils for whom a specific education referral was made based on diagnostic reading assessments in the previous school year.

Background:
<https://dpi.wi.gov/wi-reads/early-literacy-assessment-and-act-20#Screening>

I've looked on your website for this data, without success. I apologize if I missed it!

Thank you.

Jim

From: Arnott, Stephanie J. DPI Stephanie.Arnott@dpi.wi.gov 
Subject: FW: DPI Public Record Request from the DPI website ISSUE=4623 PROJ=5
Date: October 16, 2025 at 15:40
To: jim.zellmer@icloud.com



Good afternoon,

This data will be publicly shared in a report due to the legislature by November 30 each year. Please check online after that date.

Best,



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From: DPI FootPrints Data Request <datarequest@dpi.wi.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 4:38 PM
To: Arnott, Stephanie J. DPI <Stephanie.Arnott@dpi.wi.gov>
Subject: DPI Public Record Request from the DPI website ISSUE=4623 PROJ=5

When replying, type your text above this line.

Notification of Issue Registration

Workspace: DPI Data Request
Issue: DPI Public Record Request from the DPI website
Issue Number:4623

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Data Request Information:

Entered on 10/06/2025 at 4:38:12 PM CDT (GMT-0500) by DPI Webmaster:

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Current Assignees: Legal Workgroup

Issue Information:

Type of Request:	Public Records Request	Original Type of Request:	Public Records Request
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