

**Assembly Committee on Education
September 7, 2017**

**Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Testimony in support of AB 488**

Thank you Chairman Thiesfeldt and members of the Committee for the opportunity to submit brief comments in support of Assembly Bill 488. The Department thanks the Committee for engaging in several discussion with the Department during their red tape review. Assembly 488 is a product of that discussion and we appreciate the committee continuing its work on this legislation.

Under current law, the State Superintendent is required to promulgate rules to allow a person to view the 4th, 8th, and 10th grade Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE) and the high school graduation examination, if a request is made within 90 after the examination is administered.

In the years since current law was enacted, the state has replaced the WKCE exam and as we learned in the red tape review we should update the statutes relating to protecting the security and confidentiality of viewing the exams. This bill would protect confidential and proprietary property of the vendor while still providing individuals with the opportunity to access sample tests that are generally made available for viewing.

Under this proposal, a person would be able to view a practice/sample test once the practice/sample has been made available to the Department. The guidelines relating to security and confidentiality protocols would no longer be required because the person would only be viewing a sample test.