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To: Assembly Education Committee and Senate Education Committee

Re: Support AB307/SB314

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin supports AB307 and SB314 which caps the expansion of the statewide parental choice voucher program to a maximum of 10% of enrollment. The League does not support the expansion of an unequal, nonuniform, voucher education system under the statewide parental choice program where public tax dollars fund private and religious schools (with no accountability or transparency), while supplanting the WI constitutional mandate to fund free, uniform public schools (with US 14th amendment equal protection).

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin supports policy that promotes educational equity and access to educational opportunities for each child through nondiscriminatory policies and an equitable state aids formula while retaining substantial program and personnel responsibilities in the local district.

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin supports: First, the Wisconsin Constitution Article X, Section 3 which states that; The legislature shall provide by law for the establishment of district schools, which shall be as nearly uniform as practicable; and such schools shall be free and without charge for tuition to all children between the ages of 4 and 20 years; and no sectarian instruction shall be allowed therein; but the legislature by law may, for the purpose of religious instruction outside the district schools, authorize the release of students during regular school hours. Second, an educational aids formula which primarily equalizes funds raised at similar taxing rates and, secondarily, equalizes spending per student, and a system of financing which ensures that a child's opportunity for a good education is not limited by the fiscal ability of the local district where the state will assume a significant amount of educational financing. Finally, a requirement of all institutions or organizations that receive public funds for K-12 education to meet the same requirements as public schools, including transparent accounting for the use of

public funds, meeting performance standards for their students, and meeting the same state standards for all school employees.