

**DRW Statement in Opposition to AB970/SB974**

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Private schools are not required to abide by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and only some private schools are required to abide by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Both the IDEA and the ADA, which both apply fully in the public schools, are crucial protections for students with disabilities to receive the education they need and deserve. AB970 and its Senate counterpart SB974 would remove both income limits and participation limits for private school vouchers in Wisconsin, further privileging the private schools that need not fully serve students with disabilities. Meanwhile, the bill would be a final drastic step in the ongoing undermining of the public schools that are required to enroll and educate all students regardless of ability. Wisconsin's public school students with disabilities deserve better; Disability Rights Wisconsin opposes AB970/SB974.