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Statement

Statements on Gerald Whitburn's resignation from the UW System Board of Regents

MADISON, Wis.—Gerald Whitburn has notified the Governor and the University of Wisconsin System of his immediate resignation from the UW System Board of Regents. Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers, UW System Board of Regents President Andrew S. Petersen, and UW System President Ray Cross issued these statements today regarding Whitburn's announcement:

"I thank Gerald Whitburn for his service to Wisconsin. Being a Regent is hard, important work, and he handled it always with statesmanship and decency. He will be missed on the Board of Regents." —Tony Evers, Wisconsin Governor

"Regent Gerald Whitburn's commitment to his role as Regent was extraordinary, and his passion and experience will be missed by those who served with him. Gerald Whitburn is a public servant who always advocated for Wisconsin students and the integrity of public higher education."

—Andrew S. Petersen, UW System Board of Regents President

"Regent Whitburn's diligent leadership will be missed on the Board of Regents. His dedication to the University of Wisconsin System has made the UW a better place for students to succeed and more accountable to the public."

-Ray Cross, UW System President

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The University of Wisconsin System serves approximately 170,000 students. Awarding nearly 37,000 degrees annually, the UW System is Wisconsin's talent pipeline, putting graduates in position to increase their earning power, contribute to their communities, and make Wisconsin a better place to live. More than 80 percent of in-state UW System graduates stay in Wisconsin five years after earning a degree. The UW System provides a 23:1 return on state investment. UW System institutions also contribute to the richness of Wisconsin's culture and economy with groundbreaking research, new companies and patents, and boundless creative intellectual energy.

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