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Thank you, Senator Olsen!

The following statement was released by Ty Babinski, President of the Wisconsin Coalition of Virtual School Families, upon the announcement that Senator Luther Olsen intends to retire at the conclusion of his current term.

“Senator Olsen is retiring. He has been, hands down, our biggest champion. No one has done more for online charter schools than Luther. His work here made him a national leader. First, he forged the compromise that kept our schools open. Without his ingenuity, the teachers' union would have successfully shut down all online charters in the state. Then, he coordinated the effort to dramatically expand Wisconsin's Open Enrollment window so that more families could pursue online learning. While his retirement is a loss for us, Wisconsin's educational landscape is much better off for our families because of his hard work. Thank you, Senator Olsen. Thank you for trusting parents. Thank you for putting children's needs ahead of those of bureaucrats and institutions. Thank you for all you've done for tens of thousands of our alumni and the thousands of families currently utilizing online charter schools in Wisconsin. Thank you for your service to the State of Wisconsin!”

ABOUT THE WCVSF

Created and led by parent volunteers, this coalition was formed to protect our educational choices and make sure parents' and families' voices are heard in the Capitol and around the state.

Together with our fellow parents, families, teachers, and friends, we educate policy makers and others on why we chose a virtual school for our children; how these schools work; the close, working relationship we have with our teachers and administrators; and much, much more

We promote positive stories about online learning in the media. We prepare to defend against additional legal maneuvers that may harm us. We coordinate with allies in the education reform movement to help empower parents with additional options. We make our case in Madison and keep members up posted on legislative and regulatory issues.