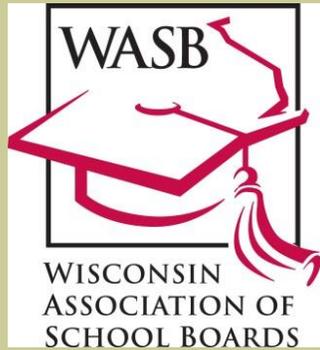


# Education Academy 101

March 21, 2019

8:00 am – 12:00 pm



## Education Academy 101 Demystifying School Finance

**8:00-8:30 Registration**

**8:30-8:35 Welcome**

Terri Phillips, SWSA Executive Director & Keith Brightman, Menomonee Falls Business Manager

**8:35-10:00 What is a Revenue Limit? What is equalization aid?**

*Understand how Wisconsin Public Schools are funded and their sources of revenue. Review the history and understand how we arrived at the current funding system.*

Blaise Paul, South Milwaukee Business Manager  
Shawn Yde, Whitefish Bay Business Manager

**10:00-10:20 What are the expenditures that face public schools?**

*Learn the "expense" side of the business of educating kids and pressures "outside" of the classroom that impact dollars "inside" the classroom.*

John Gahan, Pewaukee Business Manager

**10:20-10:40 Impact of Declining Enrollment**

*Declining enrollment was a common theme at the Blue Ribbon Commission hearings. A rural school district shares their story.*

Tom Wermuth, River Valley, Superintendent  
Brian Krey, River Valley, Business Manager

**10:40-10:45 Short Break and speaker transition**

**10:45-11:25 An Overview of the Voucher Program and how these programs are funded**

*Clarify your understanding of all of the voucher programs available in Wisconsin.*

Bob Soldner, Asst. State Superintendent Division for Finance and Management, DPI

**11:25-11:40 Funding to support the most vulnerable populations**

*Children come to public schools with many needs and it is important to understand how programs are funded to support these children. Clarify your understanding of how special education is funded and how it impacts general revenues and opportunities for all children.*

John Stellmacher, Hartford Jt. 1, Business Manager

**11:40-12:00 Talent & Staffing Challenges Facing Public Schools**

*Across the nation, public schools are facing talent challenges. Here in Wisconsin, staffing has become a critical issue and public school district are creatively exploring solutions to this problem.*

Ben Niehaus, Florence County Superintendent  
Shawna Lindow, CPA, Financial Manager of School Districts of Niagara and Florence County

**Please fill out a survey before you leave.**

*Thank you for joining us this morning! These leaders in education can be used as a resource throughout the budget cycle. We encourage you to contact them as well as your own school district officials to support your decision making. We look forward to continuing the conversation!*