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GOVERNOR APPLAUDS SUPREME COURT RULING ON SCHOOL CHOICE

Madison - Governor Tommy G. Thompson today applauded the state Supreme Court's ruling upholding Wisconsin's School Choice program.

"I'm delighted with the Supreme Court's decision. When I proposed this program five years ago, I was confident that it was the right thing to do. The Supreme Court has confirmed that," Governor Thompson said. "The ruling is a victory for education reform in Wisconsin, and indeed in all of America. It's also victory for Milwaukee's low income families who enrolled their children in the program."

"Wisconsin claimed the national spotlight by implementing an experimental program offering greater educational opportunities for children of Milwaukee's poorest families. The country has been watching Wisconsin for a signal, now they've got it. Wisconsin will continue to lead the way in educational reform."

"This ruling ensures that the School Choice program will be given a chance to prove its potential -- and that low income children will be given a chance to realize their potential. It affirms parents' ability and responsibility to make decisions about their children's education."

"With the court challenges behind us, I'm confident more families will take advantage of this program. I'm very optimistic and excited about the future of School Choice."

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