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Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Increases Value of Student, Teacher, and Principal Awards

MILWAUKEE — A surprise announcement that all Herb Kohl awards will double greeted Wisconsin students, teachers, and principals invited to the April 8 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation luncheon in Greendale to honor their selection as 2017 Herb Kohl award recipients.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers announced the award increase during the event, the first of five to be held around the state. Student scholars will receive \$10,000 awards rather than \$5,000 they were initially told they would receive in March. Teachers and principals will receive \$6,000 with a \$6,000 matching award given to their school rather than the \$3,000 award and \$3,000 matching grant for Teacher Fellowship and Leadership Awards.

Herb Kohl, through his Herb Kohl Educational Foundation, established a student scholarship and teacher recognition program in 1990. Annually the Foundation awards 200 scholarships to graduating high school seniors, 100 teacher fellowships, and 16 principal leadership awards, with matching grants to teachers' and principals' schools. To date the Foundation has awarded \$11.7 million to Wisconsin educators, students, and schools.

"Herb Kohl has consistently demonstrated his dedication to Wisconsin's students, educators, and schools. His generosity will create new opportunities for generations to come," Evers said.

"On behalf of the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, I would like to thank Senator Kohl for his tremendous commitment to Wisconsin education and to educators from across our state," said Jim Lynch, AWSA executive director. "This special award is made even more so this year because of the senator's truly inspirational gift."

"Wisconsin Parents Association wants to profoundly thank the Kohl Foundation for this amazing additional gift. The Foundation's commitment to recognizing outstanding young people and supporting postsecondary education is greatly appreciated," said WPA Executive Director Jen Lynch.

Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools Executive Director Sharon Schmeling said, "Senator Kohl never ceases to amaze WCRIS with his outstanding contributions, his care and concern for quality education, and the enormous generosity he heaps on the state's students, teachers, and school leaders."

"The Wisconsin Cooperative Educational Service Agencies are extremely glad to hear about the increase in Herb Kohl Educational Foundation awards. Herb Kohl has been a firm and steadfast supporter of students, teachers, and principals in our state," said CESA Commissioner Jesse Harness. "His unequalled generosity continues to grow!"

"I am very proud of the accomplishments of these Wisconsin students, teachers, and principals and am delighted to be able to reward them for their hard work. I look forward to the great contributions they'll make in the future." Kohl said.

All award recipients for 2017 have already been selected. Herb Kohl Educational Foundation award applications for 2018 will be available at www.kohleducation.org beginning in September 2017.