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Dr. Tony Evers  
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Dear Tony:

Wisconsin ASCD endorses and supports the Wisconsin Global Education Achievement Certificate and recommends its implementation in all Wisconsin school districts in order to best equip our students with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in a global society.

All students need preparation for active participation in internationally interconnected societies as indicated by the Common Core State Standards and 21st Century Skills. The ability to communicate in different languages, the understanding of different cultures and the knowledge of world history, geography and economics are critical for success in today’s world.

Integrating global learning throughout the curriculum helps all students become globally competent citizens of the world. The Global Education Achievement Certificate goes beyond to include co-curricular and other school-sponsored activities as well as community service.

With minimal investment, this policy will result in many economic, social and cultural benefits for Wisconsin’s citizens. Thank you for your leadership in this effort.

Sincerely,

Gary Kiltz  
Wisconsin ASCD President  
Director of Curriculum and Learning  
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Denise Pheifer  
Wisconsin ASCD Executive Director