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State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Elizabeth Burmaster, State Superintendent

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Judith Malueg, President
Winnefox Library System
106 Washington Avenue
Oshkosh, WI 54901-4985

Dear Ms. Malueg:

I am pleased to inform you of the approval of your 2006 annual system plan. The request for your first state aid payment for 2006, to be made November 28, 2005, has been initiated by staff of the Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning. This payment will allow your system to begin to carry out your plan for 2006. The amount of this year's aid is 5 percent more than was provided for 2005. Again for this biennium, funding is provided partially from the Universal Service Fund. As a result, for this payment, you will receive two electronic transfers totaling \$659,788.00.

This payment and the approval of your plan are based on the expectation that your system will implement the plan in compliance with the statutory requirements for public library systems and that your member public libraries will be in compliance with system membership requirements or that a plan will be in place to bring about member compliance. Signed agreements and contracts for 2006 operations must be filed before January 17, 2006. Audits for 2005 should be filed as soon as available.

The state aid payments your system will receive for next year's operations are shown on the enclosed schedule. The second state aid payment for 2006 will be initiated upon completion of a review of your system's 2005 annual report and evaluation. Your approved plan, with original signatures, will be sent to your system director.

As you know, my 2005-07 biennial state budget request included an amount sufficient to pay public library system aid at the statutory index of 13 percent. Given the state's difficult fiscal environment, we were pleased to achieve 5 percent and 4.1 percent increases for 2006 and 2007 respectively. I look forward to working with you, your board, and your system staff to ensure that public library systems continue to provide essential and cost-effective support for quality library service to all Wisconsin residents.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Burmaster
State Superintendent

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cc: John V. Nichols, System Director