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State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Elizabeth Burmaster, State Superintendent

November 26, 2007

Lewis Rosser, President
Winnefox Library System
106 Washington Avenue
Oshkosh, WI 54901-4985

Dear Mr. Rosser:

I am pleased to inform you of the approval of your 2008 annual system plan. The request for your first state aid payment for 2008, to be made November 26, 2007, has been initiated by staff of the Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning. The amount of this year's aid is increased 4 percent over the amount provided for 2007. 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 \$714,197.00.

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 2008 operations must be filed before January 15, 2008. Audits for 2007 should be filed as soon as available, but no later than October 15, 2008.

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 2008 will be initiated upon completion of a review and acceptance of your system's 2007 annual report and evaluation. Your approved plan, with original signatures, will be sent to your system director.

The recently approved Wisconsin biennial budget includes annual increases of 4 percent in public library system funding. This will maintain the current state support index level of approximately 8.1 percent. Given the difficult fiscal environment being faced by the state, your support of adequate system funding was essential to gaining sufficient increases for library system operations in 2008 and 2009. I look forward to working with you, your board, and your system staff in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Burmaster
State Superintendent

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Enclosure

cc: Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, System Director