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State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Elizabeth Burmaster, State Superintendent

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Lewis Rosser, President
Winnefox Library System
106 Washington Avenue
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Dear Mr. Rosser:

I am pleased to inform you of the approval of your 2009 annual system plan. The request for your first state aid payment for 2009, to be made November 24, 2008, 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 2008. Again for this biennium, funding is provided partially from the Universal Service Fund. As a result, for this payment, you will receive two transfers totaling \$742,763.00.

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 2009 operations must be filed before January 15, 2009. Audits for 2008 should be filed as soon as available, but no later than September 30, 2009.

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 2009 will be initiated upon completion of a review and acceptance of your system's 2008 annual report and evaluation. Your approved plan, with signatures, will be sent to your system director.

The 2009-2011 biennial budget request submitted by this department includes the amount necessary to fund public library systems at the statutory index of 13 percent. However, as in other recent bienniums, Wisconsin will face extremely challenging fiscal conditions. Your support will be essential to gaining adequate funding for public library systems. I and department staff look forward to working with your system and your member libraries to ensure that systems are able to continue to support local public library service in the difficult economic times ahead.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Burmaster
State Superintendent

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Enclosure

cc: Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, System Director