Pre-Set Questions for Governor Walker  
September 9, 2014

**Question 1:**  
**Accountability/Voucher and Charter Expansion:**

**Background:**  
The Milwaukee Parental Choice Program is the oldest voucher program in the United States and has been in existence for over 20 years.

Until a few years ago, the students in this program did not participate in any state accountability system, yet millions of taxpayer dollars were being spent to support these students.

Two years ago, the voucher program was expanded statewide. Of the 500 students participating in the first year of the statewide expansion, 79% of the students receiving publicly funded vouchers were not previously attending public schools.

Most recently, you were quoted stating that if re-elected, you would support a significant or wholesale lifting of the enrollment cap on the 2-year statewide private school voucher program.

During the last legislative session, an accountability bill was passed that would eventually require all students receiving publicly funded vouchers to be included in a statewide accountability system.

1. How do you envision bringing these voucher students into the statewide accountability system?
2. Do you support uniform assessment and accountability when taxpayer money is used to educate children? What does that mean to you?
3. Do you support public school districts having the same flexibility as independent charter and voucher schools? Specifically in regards to assessments, teacher licensure, and teacher effectiveness.
Question 2: Sustainable Funding for Public School District Students

Background:
Since 1993, public school districts faced mandated minimum salary increase (QEO) that effectively resulted in larger-than-inflation increases and an arbitration process that effectively neutralized any efforts to bring those costs down.

Act 10 was enacted and eliminated both of these constraints and public school districts have aggressively utilized the tools provided.

Revenue limits were enacted in 1993 and tracked inflation for many years. This precedent was changed and increases were well below inflation for 2009-10 and 2010-11, prior to Act 10.

Since Act 10, per pupil revenues available to districts continue to be significantly below the rate of inflation. The result is that public school districts continue face a structural deficit.

This is not a sustainable business model for any organization.

Question:
1. What is your position regarding a sustainable model for funding public education in Wisconsin?
2. Would you support increasing the funding available for public schools by the Consumer Price Index in order to begin building a sustainable business model?
3. How will you sustain funding for current public school students while adding funding for private school students statewide?

Question 3: Vision for Public Education in Wisconsin

Background:
Over the past four years, a significant challenge facing local school districts and school boards has been responding to rapidly changing legislative policies.

1. Please explain your vision for public education in Wisconsin?