

## **School District of New Berlin Earns Praise from Gov. Walker for College and Career Readiness Initiatives During Visit**

New Berlin, Wis. – Gov. Scott Walker continued his Working for Wisconsin: State of the State Tour on Monday, Jan. 25, by visiting the School District of New Berlin.

Gov. Walker's State of the State address focused on many aspects of his plans for education including, but not limited to, Academic and Career Planning, continued funding for the Fast Forward High School Pupil Grant program, and the need to reduce the time and cost needed to earn a post-secondary degree. These are all critical components of the School District of New Berlin's College and Career Readiness initiative.

"We are honored Gov. Walker chose the School District of New Berlin as a stop on his State of the State Tour," said Superintendent Joe Garza. "We believe that our work exemplifies our shared objectives to develop, attract and retain high quality talent in the state of Wisconsin.

"It is our collective work to help students develop a diverse set of talents that can fuel innovation and job creation while supporting projected workforce needs. We need students to know how many great opportunities there are for them here in the great state of Wisconsin."

SDNB was the largest K12 recipient of Fast Forward grant dollars in 2015-16.

The District also played a role in regional programs that were funded through the Fast Forward grant program, specifically, Waukesha County Technical College's Dual Enrollment Academy Programs that provide high school seniors the opportunity to earn 18-21 college credits, and Inspire of Southeastern Wisconsin, which builds capacity for K12 career learning activities.

Garza also highlighted the District's growth of its Career and Service Based Program.

"Our students have indicated a value for applying what they are learning in real work settings," he said. "We are thankful to our community for providing our students with opportunities in many different roles and industries. We couldn't be more proud of our students."

In addition to the dual credit options offered through WCTC to reduce the time and cost of a degree, the School District of New Berlin also partners with the UW System to do the same and will continue to look for new ways to ensure that students are able to start on their college degree as soon as they are ready.

Garza also reinforced the value of the district's Academic and Career Planning process on helping students better understand their options and the education needed to accomplish their personal, academic, social, and career goals and applauded his team for all of their hard work over the past few years.

Student, teacher, and community/industry representatives were in attendance from each of the programs highlighted as well as officials from the School District's local, county and state government.

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- [Experiential Learning: An Edge for the Future \(video\)](#)
- [College and Career Readiness: Our Collective Work \(video\)](#)