

# The Walker Weekly

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## Rose Fernandez - Vote Tuesday for a Reformer Who Will Fight for Our Kids

If you are frustrated that the tax and spend crowd seems emboldened, you do not have to wait two years to push back. On Tuesday, you can join Scott in voting for Rose Fernandez for State Superintendent. Rose is not a partisan, and she is not part of the Madison crowd. Rather, she is an experienced administrator and a passionate advocate for education reform and for children.

Rose has waged a valiant campaign against the status quo and is the right person to lead the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) during these tough economic times. She knows that we can have great schools without massive tax hikes.

As the *Wisconsin State Journal* said when they endorsed Rose:

*With so many high school students failing to graduate in Milwaukee, with so much at stake for Wisconsin in the changing, knowledge-based economy, **Fernandez is the best candidate to invigorate DPI.***

[She is being wildly outspent in this election](#), but the only public polling shows this race is a virtual tie. That's great, and it shows that Rose's message of great schools at a price we can afford is resonating with the public. You can learn more about Rose Fernandez and why she needs your vote this Tuesday, April 7 by visiting her [campaign website](#).

## "Moderate and Conservative Democrats" is an Oxymoron in Wisconsin

In the November 2008 elections, Democrat Legislative candidates ran as pro-job, fiscal conservative centrists. As a result, Democrats were able to win narrow majorities in the State Assembly and Senate. Unfortunately, these "conservative" Democrats should have come with a disclaimer like the infomercials that state "results may vary" because there is nothing conservative about their voting records so far. Although the new Democrats have been in power less than 100 days, they have already been as liberal and predictable as the old Democrats:

- Voting to increase taxes by [\\$250,000,000](#)
- Voting to make it harder for [employers to get loans](#)
- Voting to support a law that is directly blamed for killing nearly a thousand new jobs in the [Chippewa Valley](#)
- Voting to [allow more drug offenders to keep their drivers licenses](#)
- Introducing a proposal to [give 17 year olds the right to vote](#)

The Legislative Democrats did the same thing the last time they were in power during the late 1980s and early 1990s, but then Republican Governor Tommy Thompson used his veto pen to defeat their bad ideas. Unfortunately, these days Democrat Governor Jim Doyle is more than happy to sign into law any criminal-coddling, tax-increasing, job-killing bill that crosses his desk.

## Jim Doyle - the Un-Tommy trying to Un-Reform Wisconsin's Welfare System

Long before it was a national issue, Tommy Thompson fought to reform Wisconsin's welfare program. He succeeded, and his W-2 "Wisconsin Works" gave people the tools they needed to succeed. It eliminated government handouts, required parents to make their children go to school, and broke the cycle of

dependency that trapped generations of families in hopelessness and poverty. By any objective measurement, Wisconsin's welfare reform was a success. From 1987 until 2000, Wisconsin cut its welfare caseload by more than 93%.

Governor Jim Doyle wants to return Wisconsin to the [bad, old days](#) where welfare recipients were showered with as many handouts as possible without the necessary responsibility. Doyle's proposals are so outrageous that even [Democrat Legislators are publicly opposing his proposed rollback of welfare reform](#).

### **Keep the Photos and Facebook Requests coming!**

The response has been overwhelming. As a reminder, please email photos of you and Scott to [info@scottwalker.org](mailto:info@scottwalker.org) with a caption in the subject line.



*Scott Walker Meets Jerry Mathers, who played Theodore "Beaver" Cleaver on Leave it to Beaver*

Also, here is the link to [Scott's Facebook page](#).