**Badger Briefing:** Here’s what we’re hearing ...

See more at badgerinstitute.org

---

**W**e need more of these trained providers (dental therapists) because we all pay the price for the crisis in oral health.

— Sarah Wovcha of Children’s Dental Services in Minnesota, referring to ER costs if dental issues are not addressed preventively

---

**6.2%** of Wisconsin prison inmates are eligible for compassionate release based on age.

---

At least 27 of Wisconsin’s occupational licensing boards & advisory councils are in violation (as of summer 2019) of the state law mandating public representation on the boards.

Source: Badger Institute’s “Absence and Violation” report

JOHN MANIACI PHOTO

---

**6.2%** of Wisconsin prison inmates are eligible for compassionate release based on age.

See article by Patrick Hughes at badgerinstitute.org

---

“I feel powerless. You invest so much time, money and energy into a profession, and not being able to work in it is very frustrating.”

— Meggan Thompson, social worker from California who was sidelined for over a year while she waited to become licensed in Wisconsin

---

**School choice**

**By the Numbers**

The Milwaukee Parental Choice Program began 30 years ago. Today, in addition to the MPCP, Wisconsin offers the Racine Parental Choice Program, the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program and the Special Needs Scholarship Program.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MILWAUKEE</th>
<th>STATE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1990</td>
<td>2019-20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Schools</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Students</td>
<td>337</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Source: School Choice Wisconsin

---

75% of Americans say they have not written a note to someone by hand in at least a month.

15% have not written a note by hand in over five years.

Source: Survey of 2,000 people by Bond, a handwritten note service, as reported in the New York Post

See pro-con package of stories on cursive writing and coding at badgerinstitute.org