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Evers to recognize retiring director Alex Slappey at 2015 WSD graduation ceremony

Nine students to graduate on Thursday

MADISON — Beloved director for the Wisconsin Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Alex Slappey will be recognized for his years of service during the 2015 graduation ceremony Thursday at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf (WSD) in Delavan.

Slappey joined the school in 1979 as a teacher and was promoted to teacher supervisor in 1986 for a unit of the school serving students with multiple disabilities. In February of 1996, Slappey was asked to serve as acting superintendent for WSD and in July of that year was appointed to the permanent position. Following the establishment of the Wisconsin Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in 2002, he became the director of the center, which houses both WSD and the statewide outreach program. State Superintendent Tony Evers will present remarks and a plaque to recognize Slappey's retirement during the graduation program.

The commencement ceremony begins at 1 p.m. with the presentation of graduates and a welcome address by Class Salutatorian Damon Douglas Hopp. After greetings from Slappey, a number of scholarships will be presented to students. Lyle Hinkes will give the commencement address. Slappey and WSD Principal and Director of Student Services Marla Walsh will present diplomas. Lyssa Rae Matsche, class valedictorian, will give the farewell address, followed by a class farewell performance.

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WHO: State Superintendent Tony Evers
WESP-DHH Director Alex Slappey
2015 WSD Graduates

WHAT: Graduation Ceremony and Retirement Recognition

WHEN: 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, June 11, 2015

WHERE: Wisconsin School for the Deaf
Neesam Gymnasium, Delavan