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**Wisconsin Supreme Court Lets Kids Go Back to School**  
*Court Grants Injunction Stopping Unconstitutional Order*

**Madison, WI** –The Wisconsin Supreme Court granted the petition of St. Ambrose Academy and seven other Catholic schools and parent plaintiffs for a temporary injunction to require Public Health Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) to allow students to receive in-person instruction in Dane County schools. The plaintiffs challenged as unconstitutional an order by PHMDC that banned schools from in-person classes in grades 3-12. Madison public schools chose to open their doors as child-care centers and were allowed. We chose to open ours as schools and were not.

Joan Carey, Executive Director of St. Ambrose Academy, commented, “We are grateful to the Supreme Court for hearing the voices of our small schools, parents, and over 850 supporters whose contributions made this challenge possible.”

After business hours on Friday, August 21, Public Health Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) banned in-person instruction for grades 3-12. Because most public schools in the county had already chosen to open virtual-only schools, the ban was directed at private schools.

On Wednesday, August 26, St. Ambrose Academy, joined by a coalition of Catholic schools and parents, asked PHMDC to rescind its unconstitutional and unlawful order. When the County missed the deadline, the group formally filed a petition with the Wisconsin Supreme Court to strike down the order.

Over 850 individuals have since contributed to a crowdfunding campaign raising funds to cover legal expenses to restore the right of parents to choose in-person instruction for their children at religious schools.

St. Ambrose Academy is an accredited, private, and affordable Catholic junior high and preparatory senior high school located on Madison’s west side. To join the growing ranks supporting this effort, go to [ambroseacademy.org/openschool](https://ambroseacademy.org/openschool) or [facebook.com/St.Ambrose.Academy](https://facebook.com/St.Ambrose.Academy).