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School Mental Health Initiative Expands with \$600K Commitment to Support Wisconsin Students

(MADISON, Wis.) – WEA Member Benefits Foundation will expand its statewide school-based mental health initiative thanks to an increased commitment totaling \$600,000 from the Roots & Wings Foundation. The funding will help grow access to school-based mental health services for K-12 students across Wisconsin.

“We are excited about the impact this additional grant will have on our capacity to provide mental health funding for more Wisconsin school districts,” WEA Member Benefits Foundation Executive Director Steve Goldberg said. “This continued support from Roots & Wings and other funders is a big factor in our ability to extend mental health funding to additional school districts and reach more students statewide.”

The initiative supports school districts in strengthening school-based mental health programs that connect students with counseling and other behavioral health services. The Foundation currently provides mental health funding to 21 Wisconsin school districts, serving approximately 148,000 of the state’s 785,000 K-12 students. Those districts are using this support to expand student access to care, integrate well-being into school culture, cover therapy costs for uninsured students, add new mental health services, increase availability of private counseling, expand peer support groups and more.

About the WEA Member Benefits Foundation, Inc.

The WEA Member Benefits Foundation, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity supporting public education through grants and charitable donations to public educators, public schools, and the communities they serve. More at weafoundation.org.

About Roots & Wings Foundation

Roots & Wings is a family foundation established in 2020 by Judy and Gordon Faulkner. Roots & Wings makes grants across the fields of healthcare, early learning, basic needs, and safety & justice. The Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that help low-income children and families reach their full potential through prevention, early intervention, and in-depth programming that changes lives. More at www.rootswings.org.

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