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## Walker stumps for school choice

He wants broader  
use of vouchers  
and alternatives

By Dinesh Ramde  
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Gov. Scott Walker on Wednesday pressed his case for expanding the use of voucher programs and other alternatives to traditional public schooling in Wisconsin, saying parents deserve a broad range of choices when it comes to educating their children.

Walker spoke at a Milwaukee stop on a national school choice tour organized by advocates of voucher programs, charter schools and other educational options. He has previously said he favors expanding the state's voucher program but he only hinted Wednesday as to the breadth of changes he'd like to see.

When asked what percentage of the state might have access to vouchers under his upcoming budget plan, the Republican governor declined to be specific.

"We're not looking at it solely by community. What we're really doing is trying to provide as many families as possible ... a viable alternative if they've got a failing school in their community," he told reporters.

Currently the state offers voucher programs in Milwaukee and Racine. The program gives eligible parents a state-funded voucher of \$6,442 per child to defray their children's tuition at private schools, including religious schools.

Conservatives say the program gives children in underperforming schools an alternative. But opponents say it takes needed money away from public schools and is part of a broader agenda to defund public education and undermine teachers unions, which overwhelmingly back Democrats.

Walker said his top priority is to give all students access to high-quality education, whether through public or private schools, charter schools, online classes or home-schooling.

"It isn't about replacing one type of school with another," Walker said. "It's about saying we ultimately want every student in this community, and ultimately every student in the state, to have access to a great education."

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**7.9**  
INCHES  
New record for Jan. 30,  
set yesterday

**7.2**  
INCHES  
Old record for Jan. 30,  
set in 1947

## SNOW BLOWS IN, A RECORD FALLS



Snow and ice cling to a traffic mirror Wednesday in downtown Green Bay. H. MARC LARSON/PRESS-GAZETTE MEDIA

## Frigid conditions set to follow storm

By Doug Schneider and Charles Davis  
Press-Gazette Media

After a day of talking about the record Jan. 30 snow, many Northeastern Wisconsin residents today will be using the word "low"—as in low temperatures. Temperatures today aren't expected to exceed 13 degrees, and likely won't get much above zero on Friday, according to the National Weather Service.

"The cold is going to be pouring in," said Ashwaubenon-based meteorologist Tom Hellman. "Temperatures weren't as low Wednesday, as the area recorded the snowiest Jan. 30 on record. Almost 8 inches had fallen at Austin Straubel International Airport as of 8:30 p.m., eclipsing the previous record of 7.2 inches set in 1947."

Combined with winds that sometimes gusted above 20 mph, the snowfall posed challenges on the roads in some areas. More than 20 school districts in rural areas from Marinette County to Mishicot canceled classes, while Green Bay sent students home early and West De Pere was among the districts that called off after-school activities. St. Norbert College in De Pere closed until this Thursday morning.

"Most people were laying low," said Ann DeMeuse, interim director of the Shawano County Office of Emergency Management. "We had people sliding off the road and such, but it doesn't appear we had anything serious."

Green Bay police responded to several minor accidents during the day. But police agencies across the region reported no major weather-related crashes.

Brown County Public Works plans to have several trucks salting roads this morning, said Operations Manager Robert Bousley. The

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### RECORD LOW?

**Nope.** We didn't set any records for a low temperature. We didn't even come close. Still, it's over a 40-degree difference from earlier in the week.

Wednesday's overnight low was expected to be 7° below zero.

Coldest overnight low this winter: 8 below on Jan. 22.

The record low for Jan. 30: minus 26 set in 1899.

— National Weather Service

### FORECAST

**Today:** A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 14. Winds of 7 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny and cold, with a high near 4. West wind 10 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph.

**Saturday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 14.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 21.

**Monday:** A chance of snow. Mostly sunny, with a high near 30.

— National Weather Service

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## Recycling plant shifts to Oneida land

Tribal project stirs  
environmental  
concerns there, too

By Scott Cooper Williams  
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Defeated in a court battle over a site in Green Bay, an Oneida Tribe of Indians company has shifted its attention to a new spot in Outagamie County for a waste-to-energy recycling

plant. Oneida Seven Generations Corp. has unveiled plans for a plastic-recycling plant on tribal land in the town of Oneida, just west of the Brown County line.

As a facility for recycling plastic waste only, the project would differ somewhat from a controversial Green Bay development that would have processed all types of household trash, converting the energy into electricity.

But the new proposal is stir-

ring opposition, too, including from some Oneida tribal members concerned about its effect on tribal land.

Tribal Chairman Ed Delgado said he worries about the environmental effects that such an industrial operation would have on areas of the Oneida Indian Reservation that Delgado described as "pristine."

Referring to the recycling plant, Delgado added: "I'm not

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# Recycling

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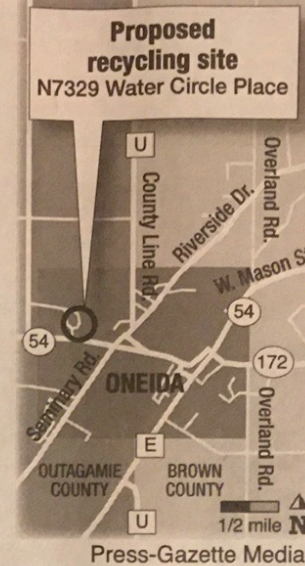
saying I'm against it. I have questions about it."

Although Oneida Seven Generations is owned by the tribe, the company is governed by its own board of directors and operates somewhat independently of tribal leadership.

Oneida Seven Generations President Kevin Cornelius and other company officials could not be reached for comment on Wednesday.

The company previously tried to build a waste-to-energy plant at 1230 Hurlbut St. on Green Bay's west side. But after initially embracing the concept, the Green Bay City Council rescinded a permit, charging that the developer had misled city officials about the environmental impact.

Oneida Seven Generations challenged the city's



action in court, but a judge Jan. 9 ruled in the city's favor.

Earlier this week, the company presented its new plan to the Oneida Land Commission, a tribal body that must rezone land and approve a permit for the development. The site is a former grocery store, Tower Foods, once operated by the tribe at N7329 Water Circle Place.

Land Commission Chairman Amelia Cornelius — who is Kevin Cornelius' mother — said about 30 people spoke at the commission's meeting and all but one supported the development. The commission is accepting public comments on the proposal until Feb. 11.

Cornelius said the plas-

tic-recycling facility would use the same technology as the proposed Green Bay plant, but it would operate at lower temperatures and would not present a significant environmental hazard.

"It's a different project," she said.

Several opponents said the new Outagamie County project seems to be an attempt to resurrect the rejected Green Bay development.

"It's the same old stupid project," said John Filcher, spokesman for Incinerator Free Brown County, a group that has been fighting the Oneida Seven Generations concept for about two years.

Despite its location outside of Brown County, the emissions generated by burning plastic waste would pose a health hazard to residents throughout the area, Filcher said.

Some members of the Oneida tribe agreed.

Yvonne Metivier, a tribal elder who lives in nearby Hobart, said she worries about harming the environment and also about committing more tribal money to another business venture.

"This is another money pit," she said. "It's just unthinkable that this would be called progress."

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