



Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year!

We hope you were able to have a restful summer and that you were able to spend some time doing things that you love with people you love! The excitement of another year is upon us. I don't know about you, but I always look forward to meeting new students and colleagues, reviewing last year's lessons and curriculum, and setting up my virtual and physical spaces. Last school year brought many changes and challenges and through the excitement of a new year, I can't help wonder what this year will bring. I am grateful for those who are advocating on behalf of us and our students and for this far-reaching group of professionals; **we are stronger together!**

On behalf of the WITESOL Board,
Katie Worpel, Newsletter Editor

2025 FALL CONFERENCE EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION

For a limited time, you can save \$30-\$40 on your conference registration by registering by 08/31! The [registration page](#) on our website shows the price breakdown for full time teachers, part-time teachers or retirees, and full-time students.

Please feel free to share this opportunity with colleagues who are not yet WITESOL members; there is an option to bundle the conference registration with a year-long membership too!

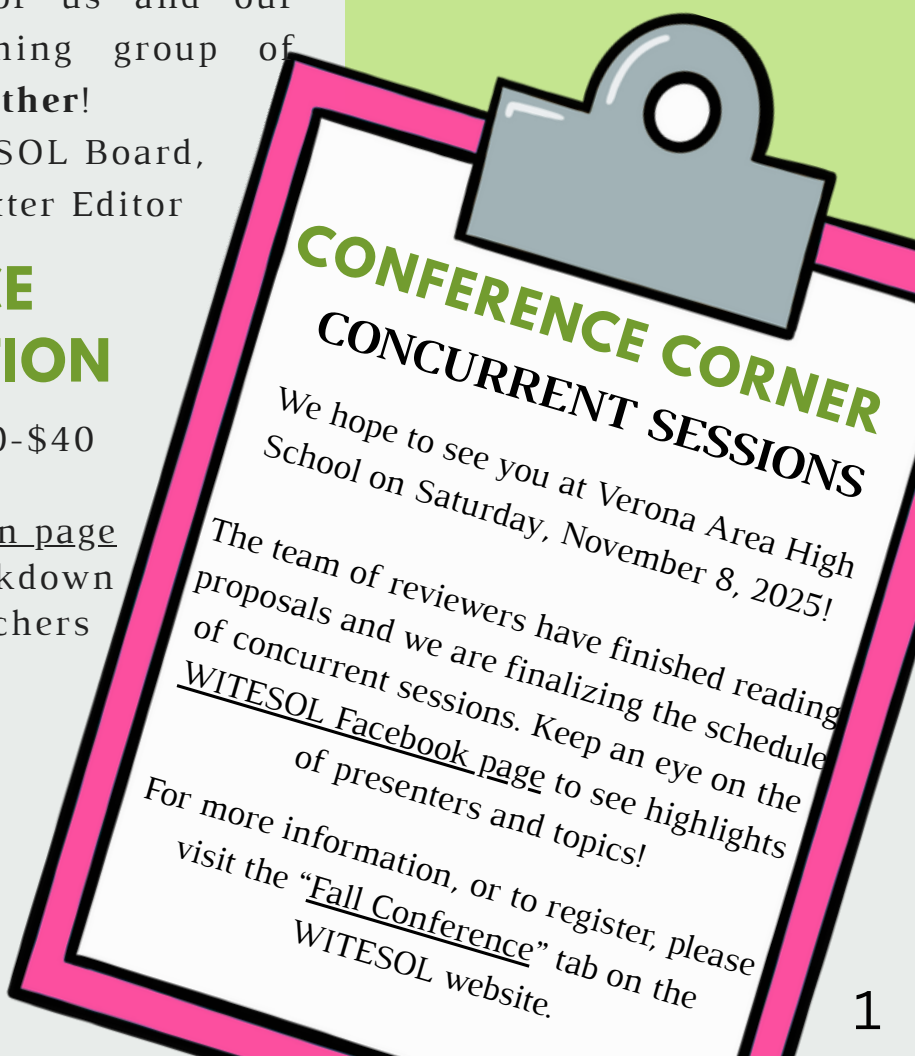
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CONFERENCE CORNER CONCURRENT SESSIONS

We hope to see you at Verona Area High School on Saturday, November 8, 2025!

The team of reviewers have finished reading proposals and we are finalizing the schedule of concurrent sessions. Keep an eye on the [WITESOL Facebook page](#) to see highlights of presenters and topics!

For more information, or to register, please visit the ["Fall Conference"](#) tab on the WITESOL website.

FEATURE STORY: FUNDING FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR



IMAGE FROM TONY EVERS' FACEBOOK POST, JULY 3, 2025

Earlier this summer, Governor Tony Evers declared 2025 the “Year of the Kid,” centering his 2025–27 biennial budget around pro-child investments at every developmental stage. The bipartisan budget, signed into law in July 2025, includes over \$360 million for the state’s child-care industry—about a third allocated as direct payments to providers—and historic increases in K-12 education

funding and special-education reimbursement rates, along with the largest boost to the University of Wisconsin System in nearly two decades. Households benefit from reduced costs through elimination of sales tax on residential energy and tax relief for working- and middle-class families. The budget also strengthens mental-health services in schools and expands access to healthcare and local infrastructure support. Evers emphasized this budget fulfills his commitment to investing in children and families, making 2025 a milestone year for youth-focused policymaking here in Wisconsin. For more information, [view the press release here](#).

Federal funding withheld by the Department of Education has been released earlier this summer as well. For more information on how various federal funding cuts would affect your district, there are several tools such as an interactive map and individual PDFs for each school district in the state on the [DPI website](#).

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