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TO: The Honorable Scott Walker, Governor  
Jeff Renk, Chief Clerk, Wisconsin State Senate  
Patrick E. Fuller, Chief Clerk, Wisconsin State Assembly

FROM: Ray Cross, President, University of Wisconsin System  
Rebecca Blank, Chancellor, UW-Madison

RE: Legislated Accountability Requirements (2011 WI Act 32 & 2015 WI Act 55)

We are pleased to present you with the 2017 UW System accountability information as outlined in Wisconsin statutes, 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, and 2015 Wisconsin Act 55. The only statewide system of higher education in the nation to issue an annual accountability report since 1993, the UW System remains committed to accountability and transparency to our governmental leaders and the citizens of Wisconsin.

For the third year, Act 32 performance measures are presented on [Accountability Dashboard](#). Links to executive summaries for the UW System and UW-Madison are available on the website and provided below. Each executive summary contains additional required accountability information on measures not suitable to the dashboard format.

- [UW System Act 32 Executive Summary \(excluding UW-Madison\)](#)
- [UW-Madison Act 32 Executive Summary](#)

As required by 2015 Act 55, the UW Board of Regents identified accountability measures in the specified areas of Financial Management, Administrative Management, Educational Performance, and Research and Economic Development. These measures were approved in January 2016 by the joint legislative committees and are available under the [Accountability Areas](#) of the website.

The UW System [2020FWD Strategic Framework](#) demonstrates our ongoing commitment to maintaining and enhancing our demonstrated accountability and our operational excellence. Priorities the 2020FWD Strategic Framework include creating operational efficiencies through streamlining of non-instructional operations, developing and adopting approaches to help UW students graduate more quickly thus reducing the cost of their education, and expanding the Accountability Dashboard to benchmark and assess our progress in implementing the 2020FWD Strategic Framework.

cc: UW Board of Regents  
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