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MADISON - Scott Walker's allies are suing me and the Department of Public Instruction – the agency Wisconsin voters have elected me to lead.

Walker and his ideological special interests want to take away my authority as the State Superintendent of Wisconsin's public schools – a power enshrined in our state constitution. They lost an earlier version of this case in the Wisconsin Supreme Court but they're back at it again.

I guess, as they say, if at first you don't succeed – try, try again. And if you still don't succeed, rig the game.

Let's not forget it was Scott Walker and Attorney General Brad Schimel who delayed special elections in two legislative districts because they saw how unpopular they themselves are, and were afraid of losing. In that case, after arguments were heard, and with the threat of contempt of court looming over their heads, Walker caved and called the elections.

Walker and Schimel have teamed up again, but now against me. And they're scared. They are so worried about losing that they are refusing to allow me to pick my own attorney. They are

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insisting I be represented by Schimel's own Department of Justice in court. Yes, that's right, I am being forced to be represented by someone who sides with the people who are suing me. Schimel's own agency has publicly declared they agree with the conservative group suing me.

This strikes at the very core of our rights as Americans. Whether I'm talking to Democrats, Republicans, or independents – they all agree that your attorney should represent your view points in court, not those of your opponents.

The Packers would never allow the Bears to call their plays. I shouldn't be forced to have my opponent representing me in the Supreme Court.

They don't stop stacking the deck there. They are rushing this through before Justice-Elect Rebecca Dallet is sworn in.

Why is Scott Walker so afraid of me?

As State Superintendent, I've fought Scott Walker's school privatization schemes. I've proudly stood by our educators and fought for more funding for our public schools, while Scott Walker has cut them – we must never forget that under Scott Walker, over a million Wisconsinites voted to raise their own taxes to adequately fund their schools.

Scott Walker's own ads proclaim, "Democrats are winning." This last-ditch effort to rig the system is nothing more than a desperate politician scrambling to take power from his political opponents.

This isn't political theater for me, it's a job I take seriously. These are our kids. This is our future. This is about fighting for the Constitution, and the trust that Wisconsinites have three times overwhelmingly given me. The people of Wisconsin deserve better than desperate politicians rigging our judicial system for their own political gain.

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