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Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) Starts February 1

Fifth grade classes across Wisconsin enrolled in exciting pilot project

(MADISON) – Thousands of fifth grade students across Wisconsin will be learning about disasters and emergencies and how to be prepared as part of a national pilot project.

STEP (Student Tools for Emergency Planning) will be offered at more than 100 Wisconsin schools this spring. This program is designed to teach students how to prepare for various emergencies including tornadoes, flooding and storms, and encourages them to share the information with their families and to develop their own family plan.

“The students involved in the STEP program will gain some very important emergency preparedness knowledge,” said Michael Hinman, Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator. “The outcome we hope to achieve is that each student will serve as the catalyst for ensuring their families are better prepared for an emergency.”

Wisconsin is the first state in the Midwest to launch the STEP program. The program was developed by teachers and is offered at no cost to schools. All materials associated with the program are provided.

STEP is sponsored by Wisconsin Emergency Management; the Department of Public Instruction; the Office of Justice Assistance; the Center for School, Youth and Citizen Preparedness and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

For more information about this program, visit the STEP section on the ReadyWisconsin website at <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov/STEP/>.

Additional questions about STEP can be directed to Tod Pritchard, Wisconsin Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, at 608-242-3324 or by email at tod.pritchard@wisconsin.gov.

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