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Kenosha Police Chief Patrick Patton testifies on Oct. 23 at the Capitol in Madison during an Assembly Committee on Government Operations, Accountability and Transparency hearing on sexual misconduct and grooming in Wisconsin schools. MARK HOFFMAN/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

Underly hit over handling of teacher grooming claims

State schools chief not at hearing held after reporting on incidents

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MADISON — State Superintendent Jill Underly is under fire over how the state education department handles allegations of grooming and sexual misconduct by licensed school staff and faces bipartisan criticism for skipping a



Capitol hearing on the matter. Wisconsin lawmakers are considering a series of changes to state laws aimed at making it easier for state education officials and local law enforcement to keep students safe from predatory school employees. Their focus on grooming and abuse of students comes in reaction to recent reporting by The Capital Times on about 200 cases of such incidents since 2018, including some cases of teachers who

were able to later reapply for a license. The details of the cases were not proactively made public beyond being made available for review for anyone who files a request under the state's public records law. Republican lawmakers have since called on Underly to overhaul the DPI's approach to investigating teacher licensing to be more transparent. One Republican candidate for governor called on Underly to resign. Underly has disputed some of the

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Trump's demo fits into long history

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NEW YORK — President Donald Trump's controversial move to build a \$300 million White House ballroom isn't the first time the billionaire builder has ruffled feathers with a wrecking ball. The demolition of the East Wing to erect a 90,000-square-foot presidential banquet hall has drawn outrage from

groups like the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the American Institute of Architects, not to mention former first lady and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and members of Congress. But Trump has a history of skirting rules and shredding promises going back to his days as a second-generation New York real estate developer. Despite the White House's status as a unique symbol of the United States, Trump has

decades of muscle memory in barreling past opponents to build what he wants. "He is of the school of developers who don't ask for permission and don't ask for forgiveness," said Richard Emery, a prominent attorney who chairs a Manhattan cultural preservation group.

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700,000 in WI fear loss of food assistance

FoodShare funding running out as federal shutdown continues

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With just days to go before FoodShare runs out of money, people who rely on Wisconsin's food assistance program are scrambling to make sense of their options. So are the county administrators who manage their benefits. The state provides about \$113.6 million per month in FoodShare benefits, all of which is funded by the federal government, according to data from the state Department of Health Services. Unless federal officials come up with a stopgap measure or solve the government shutdown — and there's no indication either will happen — the money runs out Nov. 1. Earlier this week, food benefit recipients received letters from the Department of Health Services informing them of FoodShare fund delays. What's more, any remaining balance from October on their QUEST cards, the debit cards linked to Wisconsin FoodShare accounts, may not be available. "You may want to use your benefits to stock up on food before the end of October," the letter stated. The uncertainty has caused fear for the nearly 700,00 Wisconsin residents who rely on FoodShare benefits. Questions like: "I'm a single mother with three kids under 5. What am I supposed to do?" and "Will my babies have empty stomachs during the holidays?" have filled online message boards around the state. The prospect of losing FoodShare has been so intense for Stoughton resident Jenna Karls, she's passed out more than once in the last week. She hardly remembers the ambulance ride to the hospital. Now, she hopes Medicaid will cover her emergency department visit, compounding her stress. Still, she said, she must find a way to get food on the table through November for her three kids, one of whom is disabled. Karls went to the grocery store to use the remaining

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