

Evers requests flood disaster declaration

Plea to president required waiting for FEMA review

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MADISON – Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers has requested a presidential disaster declaration from President Donald Trump as the Milwaukee area continues to recover from massive storms and historic flooding from earlier this month.

“Having been on the ground to see firsthand some of the areas that have been hit hardest by the disastrous storms and flash floods that have affected folks across our state, it’s clear it’s going to take a significant amount of time and resources to recover,” Evers said in a statement on Aug. 27. “My administration and I have been working diligently to respond and support clean-up efforts, but it’s clear more help is needed to sup-

port the people of Wisconsin and ensure we can rebuild.”
The governor previously submitted a request Aug. 13 for Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, to work with the state on a formal federal preliminary damage assessment.
On Aug. 21 — 12 days after thousands of Milwaukee-area residents woke up to find overnight flooding had damaged their homes, businesses and livelihoods — the boots of the first FEMA teams hit the ground. Four teams operated in Milwaukee County, and one each in Wauke-

sha and Washington counties. About 20 FEMA staff were embedded in those teams, which also included state and local emergency management personnel and U.S. Small Business Administration officials.
The assessment found 1,500 residential structures that were destroyed or sustained major damage, with total damage costs estimated at over \$33 million. Additionally, initial damage reports collected by the state show more

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What’s next for Dugan obstruction charge?

Attorneys had pushed for dismissal of case, judge rejected argument

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U.S. District Judge Lynn Adelman’s long-awaited ruling rejecting Milwaukee County Judge Hannah Dugan’s immunity argument sets the rest of her case in motion.
The most pressing question now: Will Dugan and her defense team appeal Adelman’s ruling?
If they appeal, a trial on whether she obstructed immigration officers who came to her courtroom to make an arrest would be on hold for months. If they don’t, a trial could be coming later this year.
The high-powered legal team is expected to announce whether they will appeal on Sept. 3, the next time the two sides come to court.
The decision by Adelman, one of the most liberal federal judges in the country, is pretty clear-cut and does not appear to leave Dugan’s legal team much room for an appeal to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago.
However, an appeal is certainly possible.
Here’s what to know about the case:

What has Dugan been charged with?
Dugan was indicted May 13 on charges she obstructed a federal agency and tried to help undocumented immigrant Eduardo Flores-Ruiz escape federal agents at the Milwaukee County Courthouse on April 18.
Flores-Ruiz, 31, was taken into custody following a chase outside the



Current and former staff, faculty, students and community members gather in protest of the elimination of jobs in the Office of Multicultural Services, now called the Office of Community Impact, during a board meeting at the Milwaukee Area Technical College downtown campus in Milwaukee on Aug. 26. HANNAH SCHROEDER / MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

MATC decision to cut four multicultural jobs draws anger

College points to federal guidance against DEI

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On Aug. 20, Milwaukee Area Technical College announced it would rename its Office of Multicultural Services to comply with guidance from the administration of Donald Trump.
The college also eliminated the positions of four staff who worked directly with students.

And that decision hasn’t gone unnoticed.
“It is not about jobs being cut, it’s about relationships, trust and the safety net that kept so many students from falling through the crack,” alumnus Yeng Tha Vue, who goes by Cloud, told the MATC District Board on Aug. 26.
Vue is among dozens of people who attended the public meeting in protest. The four eliminated positions were for multicultural student services specialists, focused on supporting African American, American Indian, Hispanic and Asian American students.
One more student services special-

ist, for international students, didn’t lose the job.
Federal guidance released in February prohibits “race-conscious practices,” or job duties that “provide services exclusively to students based on race or ethnicity.”
MATC has repeatedly pointed to that guidance, and threats over potential funding cuts or investigation, as the basis for its changes in the multicultural office.
Attendance at the public meeting Aug. 26 overflowed the regular board

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Gunman opens fire at Minneapolis Catholic school



Law enforcement officers gather outside Annunciation Church in Minneapolis following the shooting on Aug. 27. TIM EVANS/REUTERS

Authorities: Shooter took own life, 2 children dead

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MINNEAPOLIS – Two children were killed Aug. 27 and at least 17 people were injured when a gunman fired through the windows of a Minneapolis Catholic school toward young people worshipping at a Mass, authorities said.
The shooting occurred at Annunciation Church, which also houses a school. The gunman approached the outside of the church building and fired

inside toward the children sitting in the pews, Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O’Hara said.
The two children killed were ages 8 and 10. Fourteen of the 17 injured were children. Two children were in critical condition, O’Hara said.
The gunman then took his own life at the rear of the church, O’Hara said.
The Mass was in celebration of the first week of school, the chief added.
Officials expressed horror and grief. “Children are dead,” Mayor Jacob Frey said. “Those families are suffering immense pain right now. Think of this as if it were your own. Every one of us needs to be wrapping our arms around

these families, giving them every ounce that we can muster.”
“I’m praying for our kids and teachers whose first week of school was marred by this horrific act of violence,” Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz said.
“These kids should not be fearing for their lives,” said Sen. Tina Smith of Minnesota.
In a statement released by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob said, “Please join me in praying for the victims and families of those who were killed and injured in the shooting at Annunciation Catholic

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