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Casey Wachniak is a School Administration Consultant with the Educational Approval Program (EAP) within the state's Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS). The EAP is charged with oversight of most for-profit, postsecondary schools in Wisconsin as well as certain out-of-state non-profit colleges and universities, currently amounting to 185 institutions.

In her position, she works on issues of compliance, student protection, and institutional effectiveness. She consults with individuals and businesses as they look to develop new schools and programs. She also works with students and institutions through both precipitous and planned school closures. Students attending proprietary schools comprise a unique facet of the student loan debt picture and Casey looks forward offering related insight to the taskforce.

A proud and lifelong Wisconsinite, Casey resided in Milwaukee, Wisconsin before attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Upon completion of her bachelor's degree, Casey worked in the local nonprofit sector for several years before delving into state service. In 2014 she began her work in postsecondary education oversight with the Wisconsin Educational Approval Board and continues that work now with DSPS.

When she is not working on matters of higher education, Casey enjoys exploring Wisconsin's beautiful state parks. She also swims, bikes, and runs her way around the state by competing in various endurance sport events.