

# JIM DOYLE



## GOVERNOR STATE OF WISCONSIN

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Greetings!

Welcome to the state competition for Odyssey of the Mind. I only wish I could be there in person to witness all of the creative, exciting tasks you are going to demonstrate today.

Here in Wisconsin, we value education above all else. There is nothing better than education to ensure the success of Wisconsin's young people, and the success of our state.

Odyssey of the Mind recognizes that education is not just about memorizing facts or taking notes. A good education also includes learning how to problem solve and think critically – skills that are cultivated by Odyssey of the Mind.

By participating in Odyssey of the Mind, you are stretching your minds to reach new heights, creating a community of learning, and helping to prepare one another to be confident and contributing citizens. Odyssey of the Mind is providing you with skills that will benefit you in any profession you choose or any endeavor you undertake well into the future.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers – not only those here today, but also those who donate their time throughout the year – in helping to foster these types of learning opportunities. Your investment in kids today is an investment in the future success of our great state.

And to all of the participants, good luck. But more importantly, have fun!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Doyle".

Jim Doyle  
Governor