



WIUM – Macomb \* WIUW – Keokuk/Warsaw  
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Public File Issues and Program Report  
First Quarter 2024

Issues Identified for First quarter of 2024

Elections  
Regional Higher Education  
Regional K-12 Education  
Women’s Voices Commentary Series

Detail on the above issues can be found within the attached files.

To celebrate Women’s History Month TSPR ran an in-house produced modular program, 2 min each episode, to celebrate the contributions of women composers in classical music. The program, *Composing Women*, aired weekdays during *Morning Edition*, *Ovation* and *All Things Considered*. During *Ovation* the episode was followed by a work created by the day’s featured composer.

Tri States Public Radio (TSPR) carries 57 hours each week of NPR programming, of these programs 46 hours are news programs. Through-out the week a total of 30 NPR newscast can be heard. TSPR also carries 43 hours of BBC programming, all of which is news oriented. TSPR broadcasts 116.5 minutes of local news during *Morning Edition* and in afternoon newsbreaks each week. News programs from distributors other than NPR and BBC equal 9 hours each week and include programming that focuses on Illinois State Politics, Women’s Issue, national business and Latino community in the US. The remainder of our programming is a mix of music (Classical, Folk/Americana and Jazz) and infotainment programming.

Description of Issue	Programs	Afternoon Air		Date	Duration	News story title and/or subject
		Morning Air Time	Time			
Elections	Morning Edition	7:00 & 8:00		03/06/2024	0:30	Iowa Democratic caucus results
Elections	Morning Edition, All Things Considered	7:30 & 8:30	5:30	03/06/2024	0:18	Many IL voters will see few choices in ballot box in March 19 primary election
Elections	Morning Edition	7:45 & 8:45		01/10/2024	4:13	Feature: Trump files with IL Board of Elections; creates drama
Elections	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		01/24/2024	0:46	Illinois election objections to both President Biden and Donald Trump
Elections	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		02/01/2024	0:33	Fight to keep Trump off Illinois' ballots is going to court
Elections	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	8:45	4:30 & 6:30	02/15/2024	1:01	Iowa Republicans propose numerous changes to state's voting laws
Elections	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		03/22/2024	0:31	Stet rep Mary Flowers loses Democratic primary, is ousted
Elections	Morning Edition	7:00 & 8:00		03/29/2024	0:52	Federal appeals court weighs Repub challenge to IL ballot counting law
Elections	Morning Edition	7:45 & 8:45		01/05/2024	3:59	Feature: Big money can cause big problems for Illinois voters
Elections	Morning Edition, All Things Considered	7:30 & 8:30	5:30	01/18/2024	0:22	Iowa Senate Minority Leader Pam Jochum will not run for re-election
Elections	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		01/31/2024	0:38	IL Board of Elections allows Trump to remain on state's primary ballot
Elections	Morning Edition	7:45 & 8:45		01/31/2024	4:02	Feature: Illinois seeks poll workers ahead of March 19th primary
Elections	Morning Edition, All Things Considered	7:45 & 8:45	5:30	03/11/2024	0:59	Repubs in Iowa House pass bill further restricting absentee voting
Elections	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		03/18/2024	0:48	Iowa House bill would restrict use of AI in elections and campaign materials
Elections	Morning Edition, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	5:30 & 6:30	03/20/2024	0:23	McGraw versus Sorensen in 17th Congressional District in November
Elections	Morning Edition, All Things Considered	7:30 & 8:30	5:30 & 6:30	03/21/2024	0:31	Local primary election turnout very low in west central Illinois

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Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 6:30	01/04/2024	0:48	Spoon River College Macomb Campus update
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:30 & 8:30	4:30 & 5:30	01/05/2024	0:39	Study finds university employees are paid 21% less than state agency employees

Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 6:30	01/08/2024	0:29	Carl Sandburg College has new Board of Trustees member
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition	7:00 & 8:00		01/12/2024	0:24	WIU semester is delayed by one day due to inclement weather
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		01/19/2024	0:22	Iowa Board of Regents President Mike Richards resigns position
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 6:30	01/22/2024	0:30	Carl Sandburg College receives \$250K gift from Graham Health Systems
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition	7:00		01/23/2024	0:19	UI Trustees voted to not raise tuition for in-state undergrads enrolling Fall 2024
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition	7:45 & 8:45		01/24/2024	4:25	Feature: U students protest their institutions' investment in Israeli businesses
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition	7:00 & 8:00		01/24/2024	0:59	One of every 10 college students is food insecure, acc. to Ullinois
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition	7:45 & 8:45		01/29/2024	5:24	Feature: How FAFSA changes will affect some students and families
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 6:30	01/30/2024	1:22	IBHE awards \$400M for private non-profit colleges, some of which are local
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	5:30	01/31/2024	0:21	FAFSA error causes families, students seeking financial aid some trouble
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, All Things Considered	7:30 & 8:30	5:30 & 6:30	01/31/2024	0:25	Southeastern Community College gets a new athletic director
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 6:30	02/01/2024	0:19	Monmouth College receives nearly \$12M gift from 1948 alumna
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:45 & 8:45	4:30 & 6:30	02/02/2024	5:10	Feature: New scholarship at WIU encourages undergraduate research
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition	7:45 & 8:45		02/05/2024	3:51	Feature: Challenges in re. the new FAFSA application forms, process
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		02/06/2024	0:25	Unauthorized immigrants will not qualify for in-state tuition at IA public universities
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 6:30	02/07/2024	1:18	WIU bringing a sensory room to both campuses
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 6:30	02/08/2024	0:29	WIU enrollment down overall, but international and HS dual enrollment is up
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:30 & 8:30	4:30 & 6:30	02/14/2024	0:22	Sigourney Weaver will speak at Monmouth College's commencement
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition All Things Considered	7:45 & 8:45	5:30 & 6:30	02/14/2024	4:35	Feature: Bradley U must pay higher interest rate after violating bond covenants
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition	7:00 & 8:00		02/16/2024	0:25	Bill restricting DEI programs in public universities still alive in Iowa House
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:30 & 8:30	4:30 & 6:30	02/19/2024	0:56	Some Keokuk students will move to different school buildings next year

Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		02/19/2024	0:33	WIU General Counsel candidates overview
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	5:30 & 6:30	02/26/2024	0:25	WIU would see slight rise in funding with this year's budget plan
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 6:30	02/27/2024	0:21	Proposed Illinois budget includes rather small increase in MAP grant funding
Regional Higher Education	The Daily, All Things Considered		4:30, 5:30, 6:30	03/01/2024	:35	WIU president steps down, effective March 31
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	5:30 & 6:30	03/04/2024	0:53	More on President Huang's resignation; first woman as Acting WIU President
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:45 & 8:45	4:30 & 6:30	03/06/2024	4:27	Feature: WIU's likely incoming and outgoing presidents discuss the transition
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		03/08/2024	1:02	Tuition hikes capped and DEI programs restricted under Iowa house bill
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		03/12/2024	0:19	5500 IL residents have had student debt canceled under federal SAVE plan
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:30 & 8:30	4:30 & 5:30	03/18/2024	1:00	New Ulowa study gathers more info bour faculty, staff mental health
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition	7:45 & 8:45		03/18/2024	5:48	Feature: Illinois commission releases recommendations on higher-ed funding
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition	7:00 & 8:00		03/20/2024	0:58	Details from separation agreement between WIU and President Guiyou Huang
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 6:30	03/21/2024	0:21	Carl Sandburg grant allows students to learn welding skills in a safe setting
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 5:30	03/25/2024	1:02	WIU starts new financial aid program entitled The Western Way
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition	7:45 & 8:45		03/25/2024	4:34	Feature: North Central Coll has become mecca for Women's Wrestling
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:30 & 8:30	4:30 & 6:30	03/26/2024	1:10	WIU presidential search may take couple of months to get underway
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered		4:30, 5:30 & 6:30	03/27/2024	:30	Monmouth College names Dr. Patricia Draves to be its 15th president
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition	7:45 & 8:45		03/28/2024	4:54	Feature: Monmouth College names Dr. Patricia Draves to be its 15th president
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 6:30	03/29/2024	0:57	WIU President Guiyou Huang says goodbye at last Board of Trustees meeting
Regional Higher Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 6:30	03/29/2024	0:14	FAFSA online application still a mess, but it's all we've got... so do it anyway

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Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		01/02/2024	0:44	IL state rep wants to help school districts expand dual language programs
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 5:30	01/04/2024	0:48	Illinois is first state to effectively ban book bans
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		01/09/2024	0:37	Widening racial and economic gaps in dual credit high school courses
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		01/17/2024	0:43	Henry Louis Gates announces the MLK Genealogical Curriculum
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 6:30	01/24/2024	0:24	Middle school baseball and softball programs rejected by Board of Education
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:30 & 8:30	4:30 & 6:30	01/25/2024	0:22	IA senate advances bill requiring schools to help teachers purchase supplies
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:45 & 8:45		01/25/2024	4:30	Feature: Which books Illinois students loved most in 2023
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition; All Things Considered	7:30 & 8:30	5:30	01/25/2024	0:57	IA house intros bill to prevent teaching gender-neutral versions of foreign languages
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:00 & 8:00		01/29/2024	1:04	National Anthem may become daily requirement for Iowa public school students
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		01/29/2024	0:46	ISBE recommends \$11Bn budget for fiscal year beginning in July
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:00 & 8:00		01/30/2024	0:26	Chaplains in Iowa schools will need no educator's license, endorsements
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition; All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	5:30	01/30/2024	0:44	Why there will be no electric buses for Macomb School District
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:00 & 8:00		02/01/2024	0:25	Repubs in IA house advance bill requiring teaching about fetal development
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:30 & 8:30	4:30 & 6:30	02/02/2024	0:53	Iowa House did not advance Gov Reynolds' special ed overhaul
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:45 & 8:45		02/06/2024	4:28	Feature: EPA is starting to send electric buses to some schools
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 6:30	02/07/2024	0:28	NWS will teach weather spotters in Burlington what to look for in training course
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		02/08/2024	1:00	Bill prohibiting punishment for using wrong name, pronouns clears IA House Ed Cmte
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 6:30	02/09/2024	0:53	Keokuk HS students will be able to enroll in ag classes and join FFA soon
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:00 & 8:00		02/09/2024	0:46	Survey conducted to find out what parents think of US school libraries
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition; All Things Considered	7:30 & 8:30	5:30	02/09/2024	1:00	Iowa house bill allowing city councils to strip library boards' power advances
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:45 & 8:45		02/09/2024	4:16	Feature: Scholarship that allowed Illinois students to attend private schools ends

Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:00 & 8:00		02/13/2024	0:24	IA house bill asks top education official to review state K-12 standards
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:30 & 8:30	4:30 & 5:30	02/13/2024	1:04	Gov Reynolds' plan to improve K-12 reading scores passes house subcommittee
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:30 & 8:30	4:30 & 5:30	02/14/2024	0:22	IA house advances bill supporting more full-day preschool programs
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	5:30 & 6:30	02/15/2024	1:53	Macomb HS student says her goal is to make the world a better place
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:45 & 8:45		02/16/2024	5:40	Feature: Non-compliant juvenile detention facilities in northern Illinois
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:45 & 8:45		02/20/2024	4:50	Feature: Students who don't read well by grade 3 more likely to drop out
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:45 & 8:45		2/21/2024	4:30	Feature about a local teacher who is the Illinois Bilingual Teacher of the Year
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 6:30	02/26/2024	0:50	Keokuk Schools will stick with 5-day schedules for the time being
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition, All Things considered	7:00 & 8:00	5:30	02/26/2024	0:28	Keokuk HS will get a former NFL player as new football coach
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		02/26/2024	0:57	Public school funding would increase by 3% under plan passed in Iowa House
Regional K-12 Education	All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	5:30	02/28/2024	1:04	Bill raising minimum salary for K-12 teachers passes in Iowa House
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:45 & 8:45		03/01/2024	4:03	Feature: How teachers are doing with teaching Asian, Black, LGBTQ history
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	8:00	4:30 & 6:30	03/04/2024	0:17	Galesburg educator named as superintendent of United School District
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 6:30	03/05/2024	2:13	Galesburg Public Library moving books to new facility with help from students
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		03/07/2024	4:25	Feature: Sunset of Invest-In-Kids act may lead to trouble for parents' finances
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		03/11/2024	1:02	Teacher pay will increase under bill passed in Iowa House
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 5:30 (3/12/24)	03/11/2024	0:21	West Prairie and Southeastern school districts will continue football cooperative
Regional K-12 Education	The Daily, All things considered		4:30 & 6:30	03/12/2024	:17	Counselors will be at Schuyler-Industry schools again tomorrow
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 6:30	03/13/2024	2:21	West Prairie Board of Ed raises concerns about book bans in the school district
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition, All Things considered	7:30 & 8:30	5:30	03/13/2024	0:32	IA House Ethics Cmte dismisses complaint against Rep Fisher of Montour
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition, All Things considered	7:30 & 8:30	5:30	03/19/2024	1:06	Iowa Senate wants to change how AEAs are funded

Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:00 & 8:00		03/25/2024	1:02	IA Senate Repubs could approve changes to funding for Area Ed Agencies
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:30 & 8:30		03/27/2024	0:58	IA Senate approves ed package overhauling state's Area Ed Agencies
Regional K-12 Education	All Things Considered		5:30	03/27/2024	:17	Iowa governor signs into law an education overhaul package
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition, The Daily, All Things Considered	7:00 & 8:00	4:30 & 6:30	03/28/2024	1:30	New middle school in Macomb benefits other schools in the district
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:00 & 8:00		03/28/2024	0:31	Iowa governor signs into law an education overhaul package
Regional K-12 Education	Morning Edition	7:45 & 8:45		03/29/2024	1:00	IL Ed Assoc releases results of its annual "State of Education" survey

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Women's Voices Commentary	Morning Edition	7:45		01/04/2024	4:47	Op/Ed: H. McIlvaine-Newsad urges us to look at big picture in re. personal change
Women's Voices Commentary	Morning Edition	7:45		01/11/2024	4:28	Op/Ed: Beth Howard explains how a delayed flight offers a sense of hope
Women's Voices Commentary	Morning Edition	7:45		01/18/2024	4:59	Op/Ed: Sarah Grant discusses leaving a legacy in rural communities
Women's Voices Commentary	Morning Edition	7:45		01/26/2024	4:15	Op/Ed: Miranda Lambert discusses importance of rural public transportation
Women's Voices Commentary	Morning Edition	7:45		02/01/2024	4:54	Op/Ed: Heather McIlvaine-Newsad discusses benefits of travel
Women's Voices Commentary	Morning Edition	7:45		02/08/2024	5:08	Op/Ed: Beth Howard discusses recent loss to shed light on mental illness
Women's Voices Commentary	Morning Edition	7:45		02/15/2024	4:55	Op/Ed: Martha Wolf discusses dealing with unexpected twists in life
Women's Voices Commentary	Morning Edition	7:45		02/29/2024	4:13	Op/Ed: Julia Albarracin-Green talks about students who advocated for migrants
Women's Voices Commentary	Morning Edition	7:45		03/14/2024	4:29	Op/Ed: Beth Howard says politicians should behave more like women basketballers
Women's Voices Commentary	Morning Edition	7:45		03/21/2024	5:07	Op/Ed: Jade Kastel says Women's History Month is something we should celebrate