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## Sparsity Aid Funding Passes Assembly

**MADISON**—State Representative Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following statement after the passage of the sparsity aid and low revenue adjustment legislation on the floor of the Assembly yesterday:

“I was proud to vote for this impactful bill, AB 835, which I co-authored, and am proud to see it pass in a bipartisan fashion. This bill will increase the maximum that qualifying low spending districts can spend on a combination of local property taxes and state aid from \$9,100 to \$9,400 per student for the 2018-19 school year. This amount would continue to increase by \$100 each year until the 2022-23 school year. Additionally, the bill will also increase Sparsity Aid funding to provide an additional \$6,454,600 for the 2018-19 school year.”

“Nearly 150 school districts all across our state will be affected by this legislation, including all school districts in the 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly District. All students in our state, regardless of their zip code, deserve to have access to the best possible education we can provide for them. This bill does that by further building on the historic investment we made in K-12 education in the biennial budget.”

“I would like to note that the amendment that we adopted will address the issues of Southern Door School District, as well as the other schools who were affected by the referendum provision. I do feel that this bill will have long term benefits to both Southern Door and all of Wisconsin, making this legislation an important step forward. I appreciate the support and renewed efforts on this issue and look forward to seeing this bill move forward in the Senate.”

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