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Joint Finance Committee Invests in Rural Schools with TEACH II

(Madison) – Rep. Mary Czaja (R-Irma) championed a motion today in the Joint Finance Committee’s executive session that would increase digital learning and broadband access for rural schools.

“As a former member of the Rural Schools Task Force, I understand the unique challenges our rural schools face, including high costs for transportation and technology. I am proud to serve on the Joint Finance Committee and have made aiding our rural schools my number one priority”.

TEACH II will provide a multitude of improvements to rural school all across the state of Wisconsin including: high speed broadband access, a statewide infrastructure to support online assessments, professional learning for teachers and administrators using digital tools, and digital course options which are especially useful to small and rural schools.

“Governor Walker has expressed the importance of providing educational aid to our rural schools and we, as a committee, are happy to be able to build on that priority. I believe that a quality education is essential for the future workers and small-business leaders of our state and that the programs implemented with TEACH II will better equip our children for success”.

TEACH II passed the Joint Finance Committee with full bi-partisan support with a unanimous 16-0 vote.

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