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PRESS RELEASE

**HEBL ANNOUNCES TRANSPORTATION & EDUCATION DOLLARS FOR DISTRICT**

SUN PRAIRIE - Governor Doyle's state budget bill will provide \$54.4 million to be invested in Dane County schools over the next two years. Specifically \$4,655,227 will be allocated for Sun Prairie School District alone. These dollars will go toward expanding the SAGE program and reducing class sizes. Grants will be available to help start up four-year old kindergarten giving our youngsters the head start they need in life. It also creates new jobs for the Sun Prairie area.

The governor's budget also provides \$2.6 million for a teacher mentoring initiative to match up new teachers with more experienced educators. It will repeal the QEO to help schools reduce the cost of health care, attracting the best teachers for our young students. Individual students requiring special education will receive an addition \$15 million.

Dane County will receive \$16.4 million in increased school transportation funding, targeting rural areas that must transport students the furthest away from school. "These dollars are essential in helping to prepare our kids for the future," Hebl said.

Sixteen million dollars was allocated over the next biennium for the reconstruction of U.S. 151 between American Parkway and Sun Prairie. Governor Doyle's transportation budget is the largest in state history - a 16 percent increase over the last budget.

"I am extremely pleased with the education and transportation budget for Dane County that was put forth by the Governor," Hebl said. "It proves that he sees the importance of investing in our children's future and keeping Wisconsin moving forward."

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