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Rep. Quinn Wins Budget Motion to Fund Chetek-Weyerhauser School District

School district faced 25% staff reduction

Madison – Representative Romaine Quinn (R-Rice Lake) hailed a provision in the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) education package as “a major victory” for the Chetek-Weyerhauser school district. The school district faced a 25% budget cut due to the formula for funding consolidated school districts. After districts consolidate, they receive additional funding for five years, after which aid drops off steeply. Chetek-Weyerhauser is currently sitting on the edge of that funding “cliff.”

Representative Quinn introduced a budget motion designed to allow the affected school district to recuperate some of the lost revenue.

“As I discussed education policy with school districts I represent, I learned that Chetek-Weyerhauser faced a potential 25% reduction in staff, due to consolidation funding issues,” said Rep. Quinn. “This size of a reduction is simply unacceptable. Education is a key priority, and I immediately began working with Superintendent Johnson to ensure that our schools would not face catastrophic cuts.”

Rep. Quinn worked closely with the Chetek-Weyerhauser school district to craft the budget motion. He also consulted with the Chequamegon school district, the only other school district in the state that faced these specific cuts.

“Schools in northern Wisconsin already struggle with an imbalanced funding formula. It is vital that rural legislators do everything in our power to ensure that we protect the education of our students, and the professional staff that teach them,” said Rep. Quinn.

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