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Speaker and JFC Co-Chair Statement on DPI Budget Request

Madison...Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) and Joint Finance Committee Assembly Co-Chair John Nygren (R-Marinette) released the following statement on the budget request from the Department of Public Instruction.

“The budget request is as expected. We intend to move ahead with our Forward Agenda, which calls for more efficient use of taxpayer dollars in education, by focusing resources in the classroom.

“Education has been and will be a top priority of the Wisconsin Assembly Republicans. We want every child to receive the best education possible whether through public schools, choice schools, charter or home schooling. Last session Republicans continued to show their support of public schools by investing nearly \$300 million more and close to \$1 billion in tax relief for Wisconsin families and employers.

“The current education budget also includes provisions for rural school districts: an increase of funding for transportation costs to rural districts, a new Course Options program to grant universal access to courses, and increased funding for broadband grants.

“We have a responsibility to provide a great education to every child in Wisconsin and protect the interests of the taxpayer. It is unfortunate that DPI doesn’t put more of an emphasis on the latter.”

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