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The Importance of In-Person Learning

On Monday, March 1st my colleagues and I held press conferences across the state encouraging Governor Tony Evers to provide schools that offer in-person classes more funding due to their extra needs.

Our request is that the federal money from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund goes to schools throughout Wisconsin that have in-person learning. There are many costs that those schools have that the schools that are participating fully virtual do not have.

One of the biggest challenges I face in Madison is the urban vs. rural divide. Under the current formula a majority of the money ends up going to Milwaukee at \$3,174 per student and Madison at \$729 per student. Unfortunately, the more rural school districts are the ones that are accruing more costs and are struggling to make ends meet.

In the 92nd Assembly District, I represent fifteen school districts with many being across multiple jurisdictions. With that being said, all fifteen have had the majority of students participating through in-person learning throughout this pandemic.

As I am traveling throughout the district, I hear from constituents all around that they want schools to be open. It's vital that our students are receiving a strong education and that parents are able to go to work knowing their kids will be taken care of.

Our children need structure and an environment that provides for their mental wellbeing. As the vaccine is more readily available and supplied to those at higher risk of Covid-19, we need to continue to go back to normal.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns at Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wi.gov.

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