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## **GOVERNOR RETURNS TO GREEN BAY WITH HIS BAD MATH**

*Van Roy once again calls for Doyle to buy a calculator*

Howard – State Rep. Karl Van Roy is once again calling on Governor Jim Doyle to get real with his budget crunching. The Governor, who will be at Annie Jackson Elementary School tonight, still insists on calling the legislature’s \$458 million dollar increase in education spending a cut.

“I think that the people in Green Bay pretty well understand that \$5.49 billion for education next year is a relatively healthy expenditure,” said Van Roy. “The governor is not going to change many minds with his misleading Madison math.”

In a column released by the Governor yesterday, he claimed that he funded his proposed increase for schools by cutting “\$270 million in government overhead.” His proposed increase, however, was well above \$800 million.

“The governor doesn’t like to mention this,” said Van Roy, “but his plan also called for a massive raid on the Injured Families and Patients Compensation Fund, the creation of an HMO tax and a \$50 a month fee increase on every senior in a nursing home. Those funding sources were unacceptable to the people in Wisconsin so the legislature had to adjust his spending plan accordingly.”

Rep. Van Roy encourages his constituents in Green Bay and Howard attend the governor’s “Town Hall meeting” to tell him to support the legislature’s \$458 million dollar increase in education spending as well as the legislature’s proposal to freeze local property taxes for three years. Last year Governor Doyle vetoed the property tax freeze repeatedly despite its overwhelming statewide support.

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