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REP. POPE-ROBERTS' STATEMENT ON WALKER'S FIRST YEAR – IT'S *NOT* WORKING

(MADISON) Rep. Sondy Pope-Roberts (D-Middleton) released the following statement regarding the failed priorities of Governor Walker's first year:

“In only a year's time, we have seen Governor Walker enact historic cuts to public education that have left our state's school districts in dire straits,” said Rep. Pope-Roberts. “We have lost veteran teachers and administrators and seen class sizes increase and course offerings reduced while publicly funded private school options have been expanded and spared from the pain our public school system has endured. Many districts around the state are expecting the coming year to bring about even greater reductions,” Rep. Pope-Roberts continued.

“Wisconsin cannot afford another year like the last. The slash and burn tactics being marketed as reforms are not helping our state create jobs or grow a 21st century economy,” Rep. Pope-Roberts said. “A strong public school system is essential to these goals. It's time to admit that it's *NOT* working and move forward with fresh ideas,” concluded Rep. Pope-Roberts.

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