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Receiving the 2017 William Wilberforce Freedom Award.



A ribbon cutting at another expansion project at Mercury Marine.



Our State Capitol building is the best in the nation. I invite you to take a guided tour and experience for yourself its rich history and unique beauty. Please let me know if you plan to visit; I would love to meet you!



Jodi Schmidt, a dedicated third-grade teacher at Oakfield Elementary School, selflessly volunteered to be a kidney donor for second-grade student Natasha. In honor of Jodi's gift she was named a "Hometown Hero" for 2017-18 by the State Assembly. We encourage everyone to consider the blessings of organ donation. To find more information go to donatelifewisconsin.org.

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

What an honor it continues to be to serve Wisconsin's 52nd Assembly District! It is truly a blessing to have served such active and engaged citizens over the last 7+ years. Input from my constituents makes me a better legislator—you help me perform my duties to the best of my ability. As an example of the positive interactions I frequently have with constituents, when you turn to the "Authored Legislation" section on the inside cover, you will see that four of the bills I authored this session were completely citizen initiated. There is nothing more satisfying as a legislator than being able to assist constituents by taking their ideas and turning them into laws. In all occasions I strive to work in a bi-partisan fashion. All of the authored legislation listed have received bi-partisan support. Over the entire legislative session more than 90% of all bills passed have been bi-partisan.

Lastly, I was pleased to once again chair the Assembly Committee on Education. As chairman I led the committee through a review of the entire education administrative code. This review resulted in several bills aimed at eliminating and updating regulations. All told, the Education Committee held 16 Public Hearings on over 50 legislation items.

As always, I appreciate hearing from you. Please feel free to contact me on state-related issues important to you. Be safe and enjoy the beauty of our state in the coming spring and summer months.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Thiesfeldt
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Session Accomplishments

- Property taxes lowered beyond 2010 and 2014 levels
- Record \$639 million investment in K-12 education
- Increased funding for rural and low revenue school districts
- Tuition frozen at UW-system for 6 consecutive years
- HOPE agenda legislation to fight opioid addiction
- Improved foster care system
- Stabilized insurance market with state reinsurance program
- Guarantee coverage of pre-existing conditions
- Increased support of rural broadband expansion grants
- Encourage economic growth
- Additional bonus for high quality WI childcare centers
- Increased assistant district attorney positions

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Gov. Walker signs AB 152 as a result of a constituent idea.

AUTHORED LEGISLATION

The following are a list of bills I authored that I believe will be enacted into law following the Senate's last day of session in March. For specific updates on other Assembly bills (AB) I have authored, please sign up for my eupdates by emailing or calling the 52nd District office to request that you be added.

AB 52 – Modernization for traffic court violations (Enacted into law - Act 40) Modernizes and standardizes two outdated traffic court procedures for circuit courts.

AB 71 & 72 – Student data privacy (Passed Assembly, in Senate) These bills were a result of chairing a Legislative Council committee in 2016. Increases the transparency of data fields that the Department of Public Instruction maintains and the security of the data generally of our K-12 student data.

AB 78 – “Leading on Lead” (Enacted into law - Act 137) Creates a funding mechanism for communities to offer financial assistance programs to replace lead service lines providing drinking water to thousands of Wisconsin homes.

AB 152 – Transfer by affidavit for small estates (Enacted into law - Act 90) Streamlines the process of closing estates with remaining assets of \$50,000 or less in value. This process will now be able to take place without the need of an attorney or court supervision.

AB 250 & 251 – “Red Tape Review” (Enacted into law - Act 92 & 93) These two bills clean up some of the education administrative code. This was part of the State Assembly's unprecedented, comprehensive review of all fields and chapters of Wisconsin's administrative code.


AB 300 – Providing information on federal and state mandated tests in school (Passed Assembly, in Senate) Requires school districts to provide to parents an inventory summarizing all the formative and summative standardized assessments given to students.

AB 304 – Allowing students to opt out of state mandated tests (Passed Assembly, in Senate) Clears up an inconsistency in state statute and strengthens parental authority to ensure that all students in 3rd-12th grades have equal opportunity to “opt-out” of state or federal tests.

AB 332 – Nomination signatures for school boards (on Governor's desk) Allows a school district to reduce the nomination signature requirement (currently 100-200) for school board elections if a school district has less than 10% of its territory in a 2nd class city (i.e. Fond du Lac is a 2nd class city). This helps districts like North Fond du Lac, and 28 other districts, encourage more candidates to run for election to the school board.



Volunteering during the Wisconsin Dental Association Mission of the Mercy Dental Clinic.



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REDUCING taxes by more than
\$8 BILLION
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PROVIDING AN EXCELLENT EDUCATION

Access to a top-quality school is a priority for Wisconsin families. Through the state budget we increased education aid to public schools a record \$639 million. Technology grants for broadband access and matching funds for one-to-one learning were added so every child has access to modern technology. We dedicated funds to districts to help meet the growing need for youth mental health services. I was also a leading advocate to equalize the income eligibility between the Wisconsin and Milwaukee Parental Choice Programs, because income should not be a barrier in choosing an educational option that best suits a family's needs.

After parents, great teachers are the strongest impact in a child's education. The budget created a lifetime teacher license for veteran successful teachers, eliminating the cost of renewal and corresponding paperwork. It is best if our teachers can spend their time focusing on their students rather than bureaucratic red tape.



Tuition Freeze
Saving average student
\$6,000 over 4 years

The state budget also extended the tuition freeze another two years at the UW System schools. The current four-year freeze has provided the average student \$6,000 of student debt relief. In addition, we provided the largest amount of need-based financial assistance toward the UW students in state history.

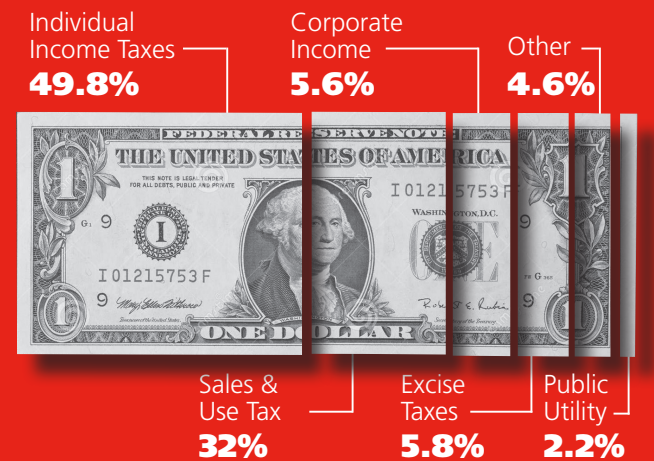


Rep. Thiesfeldt joined Gov. Walker on the Fond du Lac leg of the “Creative Economy Tour”.

2017-2019 Budget



A breakdown of where each tax dollar comes from



A breakdown of how each tax dollar was spent

