

# 2021-23 WISCONSIN BUDGET



## Meeting w/ Town of Waukewaunabagowanochippasharapacawalfordton

“Despite keeping state spending to historic lows, we made targeted investments in every essential function of state government including schools, healthcare, higher education, children and families, transportation, corrections, emergency services, natural resources, agriculture, broadband and more.”

I am very proud of the Legislature’s work on behalf of all taxpayers. We crafted a responsible budget that addresses our priorities while respecting taxpayers.

We funded our strategic priorities while keeping state government spending to less than 4.1% growth over the biennium. This is a great budget for towns!

- **Transportation:** \$100 M for Local Roads, 2%/2% (\$2,681/mile, \$2,734/ mile) increase for General Transportation Aids (GTA), all projects remain on schedule with no tax or fee increase, lowest Department of Transportation (DOT) bonding in 10 years.
- **Broadband:** \$125 Million for the Rural Broadband Expansion Grant program.
- **EMS:** Fully funded the EMS Funding Assistance Program (FAP), funding to local, volunteer departments.
- **Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILT):** Increase PILT payments to \$3.50 per acre for all lands acquired by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) before July 1, 1969.

We also made targeted investments in:

- **Schools:** Special Education (10% increase or \$86 million to 30% of eligible costs), Mental Health (additional \$12 M), Sparsity Aid (\$6.3 M increase, expanded eligibility), High Cost Transportation Aids (\$13 M investment). **Hospitals:** Personal Care worker rate increase (\$31 M), Direct Care Workers (\$40 M), Hospital Reimbursement increase (\$40M ongoing), Long-term care facility (nursing home) reimbursement rate increase (\$98.1M, 12% increase), Surgical Care Quality Improvement program funding for rural hospitals.
- **Corrections:** \$1.3 Million increase for Length-of-Service Awards for Corrections staff at all prisons, including Boscobel.
- **Agriculture:** Addressed challenges in the meat processing industry by approving four new state meat inspector positions. Created Meat Processor Grant program (\$400,000) and increased the Dairy Processor Grant program. Increased Farmer Mental Health program by \$100,000 per year.
- Grew our Rainy Day Fund to more than \$2 Billion.
- Met the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement from the Federal government to capture \$2.6 Billion for Wisconsin schools.
- Returning \$3.4 Billion to Wisconsin Tax Payers - \$2.5 Billion in Income Taxes, \$650 Million in Property Taxes and \$200 Million for Small Businesses by ending the Personal Property Tax (PPT).
- Invested in UW System by funding building projects on five UW Campuses; UW Madison, UW Green Bay, UW Stevens Point, UW Oshkosh and UW River Falls.

**MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUT**

**\$3.4 BILLION**

- **\$1,200 Savings for a Typical Family**
- **\$1,000 Income Tax Relief for Typical Family**
- **\$200 Property Tax Relief for Typical Home**
- **\$200 Million in Tax Relief for Main Street**