

Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine School District

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Honorable Senator Mary Felzkowski

Honorable Representative Jeff Mursau

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Dear Senator Felzkowski and Representative Mursau,

First, let me say thank you for your service representing the people of Northern Wisconsin! I know it is not an easy task during these highly public political times!

I appreciate the Joint Finance Committee's willingness to provide the funding necessary to capture Wisconsin's share of one-time federal relief funds for schools. The issue I raise with you both, is the JFC, provided that funding in a way that made sure none of it could be used in the classroom by freezing school district revenue limits. I am concerned that this move will increase the continued need for the Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine School District to go to referendum. Thus, negating the property tax relief that is the stated goal.

By modestly increasing revenue limits, the \$408 million that has already been allocated by the JFC for K-12 purposes could help schools meet ongoing school costs while still holding property taxes flat statewide. It would also mean the state would still be providing a tax cut of nearly \$3 billion - more than seven times the size of the K-12 investment I am asking you to make.

I ask you both to please urge your colleagues to support a revenue limit increase. We can still provide historic levels of tax relief and provide schools with spendable resources that will lessen the need to go to referendum. It is a win-win.

Respectfully,



Andy Space

Superintendent