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Sen. Feyen Votes to Approve 2017-19 Budget

Budget passes the Senate 19-14

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Madison – State Senator Dan Feyen (R- Fond du Lac) released the following statement regarding passage of the 2017-19 Biennial State Budget:

"I am proud to vote today for a budget that will continue to move Wisconsin forward. We are making historic investments in our schools through a \$639 million increase in K-12 spending and extending the tuition freeze at UW System schools. In addition, this state budget increases worker training funding by \$11.5 million and \$15 million in financial aid for students seeking a technical or four-year college degree."

This budget continues the investments we have made in our downtowns through the Historic Tax Credit program, as well as protects taxpayers by not raising sales, income, or property taxes and completely eliminates the state portion of the property tax. The personal property tax, which affects small business, is reduced by \$75 million.

While not perfect, the transportation portion of the budget secures funding for Highway 23, provides more funding for local road aids, and continues major road projects while reducing bonding to a manageable level. I am looking forward to the continued discussion of finding a long-term fix for transportation, but I believe this budget will significantly improve the conditions of our roads over the biennium.

I appreciate all the constituents who contacted me or my office regarding this budget. I appreciate hearing from you and to have the honor to represent you in Madison. I am proud to vote for a budget that is good for the citizens of the 18th Senate District and good for the State of Wisconsin."

The budget now heads to Governor Walker's desk to be signed into law.

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