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**Budget Prioritizes K-12 Education, Broadband, and Rural Health Care**

*Budget Passes with Senator Testin's Support*

**Madison, WI** – The biennial budget passed the Wisconsin State Senate on Friday evening by a vote of 19 to 14. Senator Patrick Testin (Stevens Point) was among those who voted to support passage.

“We passed a budget today that makes meaningful investments in K-12 education, broadband expansion, and rural health care,” said Testin. “I’m proud to support it, and I’m proud of the impact that it will make for Central and Western Wisconsin.”

Senator Testin worked with his colleagues to improve the budget in several ways. Key contributions include the creation of grant programs for rural health care workforce training, a significant increase in funding for broadband expansion, funding for airport expansion in the Wisconsin Rapids area, support for the WIST program at UW-Stevens Point, and the money to complete an expanded study of Central Sands watersheds.

“This budget has been a team effort,” continued Testin. “My fellow legislators and I worked with locally elected officials and residents of the district to get the best deal possible for Wisconsin.”

The budget has now passed both houses of the legislature, and will go to the Governor, who has line item veto authority. Following announcement of his vetoes, the Governor is expected to sign the budget into law.

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