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TEACH II Will Help Improve Technology in Rural Schools

Madison...State Senator Tom Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst) released the following statement after the Joint Finance Committee approved a motion to help rural school districts advance the use of technology:

“Rural Wisconsin schools face unique challenges including keeping up with technological advancements. Reliable access to high-speed broadband and cutting-edge computer technologies are playing a bigger role in today’s K-12 education. I was proud to vote in favor of the TEACH II proposal to help close the digital divide in our rural schools.”

TEACH II will provide a multitude of improvements to rural schools all across the state of Wisconsin including: high-speed broadband access, a statewide infrastructure to support online assessments, professional learning for teachers and administrators using digital tools, and digital course options which are especially useful to small and rural schools.

“TEACH II was a top priority of the Speaker’s Task Force last session which was chaired by Representative Rob Swearingen (R-Rhineland). The proposal opens up the possibilities for students and teachers to expand their learning opportunities. It is crucial that rural schools have equal opportunities, and I want to thank Representative Mary Czaja (R-Irma) for her hard work bringing the motion before the Joint Finance Committee.”

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