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## JFC RESTORES & INCREASES PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

**MADISON** – On Tuesday, the co-chairs of the state’s budget-writing Joint Finance Committee (JFC), State Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) and State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), issued the following statement regarding the JFC’s investment in K-12 education:

“Despite a difficult budget, our top priority is investing in public education. Our children are the future leaders of our state, and public schools are integral to the growth and success of students throughout Wisconsin. It is for this reason that we have committed to going above and beyond restoring funds to K-12 education.

“This budget, we are restoring funding by \$150 per pupil in the first year and adding an extra \$100 per pupil in the second year. That’s an added investment of over \$200 million over the biennium. This funding increase will help ensure that our state’s public school system is strong and Wisconsin students continue to have access to high quality education.

“Budgets are about priorities; our state budget is no different. We are spending within our means to ensure a financially sustainable state. As the JFC moves forward with the budget process, we will continue to work to reduce the size of government, cut the red tape that inhibits job growth and creation, and lessen the financial burden on hardworking Wisconsin taxpayers.”

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