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K-12 Schools to Receive Additional Aid In Budget Plan

MADISON - On Wednesday, 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 Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) misleading general school aid estimate:

"The estimate released by DPI earlier today is not an accurate account of how much aid school districts will receive for the upcoming school year. In the next few weeks, the state budget will be approved by the full legislature, and signed into law by the governor. The budget plan contains a significant increase in funding for school districts.

"Increasing funding for K-12 education is our top priority. We are investing in our state's education system to ensure a bright future for Wisconsin students. Our budget plan restores per pupil funding in the first year of the biennium and increases funding by an additional \$100 per pupil in the second year. Our investment in public education will be increased by more than \$200 million over the biennium."

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