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Statement by State Senator Alberta Darling on Passage of State Budget

MADISON - On Tuesday, the Co-Chair of the budget-writing, Joint Committee on Finance, State Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) issued the following statement after the State Senate approved the 2015-17 State Budget.

"I am pleased we were able to continue to improve the state budget. By modifying the prevailing wage law, Wisconsin's local governments will be able to make the bidding process fair and save taxpayers money.

This budget doesn't raise income, sales, or property taxes and keeps Wisconsin's property taxes on a downward trend.

This plan bonds at the lowest level in at least 20 years while still protecting the completion of the Zoo Interchange and funding needed for higher education buildings for chemistry labs and nursing training facilities.

We invested more money in our public K-12 schools in this budget than the previous budget. We are not going to give up on children stuck in failing Milwaukee public schools. We are targeting education reforms to where they are needed the most. This budget provides a life-line for children and families stuck in perpetually failing schools.

We listened and learned during the public hearings throughout the state. We saved SeniorCare, protected the IRIS program, and protected Medicaid. This budget moves Wisconsin forward."

Senator Darling represents portions of Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha Counties.

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