a CLOSER LOOK at the *2015-17 State Budget*

Local Government

- Increases the School Levy Tax Credit payment by $105.6 million annually beginning in FY 16-17 to provide additional property tax relief

- Deletes the Governor's proposal to change the property taxes assessment process

- Retains Local Government Property Insurance Fund

- Requires property tax bills to include the total amount of taxes levied in the current year and the total amount of tax levied on the property if both are the result of a referendum to exceed levy limits

- Allow counties and municipalities to carry-forward unused levy limit authority of up to 5% from a prior year

- Allows the City of Rhinelander in Oneida County to become a premier resort area and charge a 0.5% premier resort tax, pending local approval

- Modifies public fire protection charges to allow a municipality to bill an owner of two adjacent parcels as one parcel when fire protection services are not included in general service charges

- Phases in more stringent limitations on municipalities' ability to keep room tax revenues not distributed to a tourism entity

- Creates a new method for the towns Windsor in Dane County and Maine in Marathon County to incorporate