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## **Vetoes Put Wisconsinites Last**

Madison – Rep. Joy Goeben (R-Hobart) is disappointed that Governor Evers eviscerated the new two-year Wisconsin budget. The Governor's pen effectively crossed out meaningful economic relief to all taxpayers.

Families earning \$37,000 to \$405,000 per year were anticipating a financial respite of over \$4.4 billion, but instead face a future of monetary uncertainty. Hardest hit are families that need tax breaks the most, those with home mortgages and school aged children.

Governor Evers gleefully wrote, "Through my veto, in future biennia and effectively in **perpetuity**, school districts will have continued, additive per pupil revenue adjustments of \$325 every year, sustaining school district spending for years to come." The Governor struck out a provision that added revenue limit authority in the 2024-25 school year and replaced it with funding until 2425, or 402 years later.

"Property owners beware. Governor Evers' veto will allow tax hikes of titanic proportions - sinking your savings in property taxes," warns Rep. Goeben.

Highlighted in red (Figure 1) are the words Governor Evers removed from the budget which leads to \$2,250.00 per pupil spending increase over 10-years (Table 1):

Figure 1. Evers Partial Veto on Revenue Limit Authority

Table 1. Total Increase from Base Spending, 2023-2033

**SECTION 402.** 121.905 (3) (c) 9. of the statutes is created to read:

121.905 (3) (c) 9. For the limit for the 2023–24 school year and the 2024–25 school year, add \$325 to the result under par. (b).

**SECTION 403.** 121.91 (2m) (j) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

121.91 (2m) (j) (intro.) Notwithstanding par. (i) and except as provided in subs. (3), (4), and (8), a school district cannot increase its revenues for the 2020–21 school year, the 2023–24 school year, and the 2024–25 school year to an amount that exceeds the amount calculated as follows:

SECTION 404. 121.91 (2m) (j) 2m. of the statutes is created to read:

121.91 (**2m**) (j) 2m. In the 2023–24 school year and the 2024–25 school year, add \$146.

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Year	Increase
2023-24	\$325
2024-25	\$650
2025-26	\$975
2026-27	\$1,300
2027-28	\$1,625
2028-29	\$1,950
2029-30	\$2,275
2030-31	\$2,600
2031-32	\$2,925
2032-33	\$3,250
2033-34	\$3,575

Vetoed In Part Wedward, Ameillia. "Analysis: Evers 400 Year Veto." Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty, 6 July 2023, will-law.org/analysis-evers-400-year-veto/.

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Representative Goeben represents the 5th Assembly District, which includes the communities of Hobart, Kaukauna, Freedom, Ashwaubenon, and Little Chute, and portions of Outagamie and Brown Counties.