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**“Public Schools Are the Heart of Our Communities,
They Should Be the Heart of Our State Budget.”
–Rep. Robyn Vining on Governor Evers’ State Budget Proposal**

MADISON—Governor Tony Evers delivered his State Budget Address tonight, introducing his proposed 2025-2027 biennial state budget. Representative Robyn Vining (D-Wauwatosa) issued the following statement in response:

“Public schools are the heart of our communities—they should be the heart of our state budget. In the ‘2025 Year of the Kid’, we are here to center kids, teachers, and schools as we begin our work on the state budget.

“Good news in Governor Evers’ state budget proposal tonight: expanded mental health access for students; increased investments in public education; and the special education reimbursement rate increased to 60%. While this is not the 90% special education reimbursement rate I have fought for, it is double the current rate and absolutely necessary as we continue to fight to ensure Republicans do not reduce this number further in the budget negotiation process.

“I want to highlight the words of **Governor Evers tonight, ‘I’m asking the Legislature to approve a budget that does what’s best for our kids at every stage, in every way, and no matter where they live in our state. In 2025 *The Year Of The Kid*, I’m excited to be introducing the most pro-kid budget in state history.’** Thank you, Governor Evers, for caring so deeply about our kids.

“The budget process is off and running. Let’s do the hard work to find common ground for the common good during the state budget process, and move Wisconsin forward, *together.*”

Rep. Vining represents the 13th Assembly District, which includes Elm Grove, and parts of Wauwatosa and Brookfield. For more information visit Rep. Vining’s website [here](#).

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