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Statement on Priorities for Education

GOP Bills are Divisive and Fail to Address Real Areas of Need

MADISON - *Following the conclusion of today's Assembly floor session, Rep. Deb Andraca (D-Whitefish Bay) released the following statement:*

As a teacher and a parent, I know how important it is for parents to be involved in a child's education. I spent a lot of time volunteering in my daughters' classrooms as a volunteer, and these experiences are what inspired me to change careers and become a teacher myself.

A strong partnership between parents and educators is one of the best indicators of student success, but the bills in the legislature today were more about political priorities than public school classrooms. As an advocate for local control, I believe that decisions about staffing, curriculum, and school safety are best made by our locally-elected school boards, not in the legislature.

On the floor today, I stood by these ideals in the face of bills that would raise property taxes by over a half billion dollars to create an unaccountable, expanded voucher program, micromanage our local school districts, and diminish the collaborative relationship between parents and educators. Several of these bills would result in schools spending more time in litigation than education.

We have an opportunity to provide additional funding to our schools for mental health, classroom learning and special education – the real priorities to meet the needs of students, parents, teachers and schools. I hope that the Assembly will address the highest priorities for education in a special session on education, as requested by Governor Evers.

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