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Rep. Katsma Votes for Historic Education Funding

MADISON – Rep. Katsma (R-Oostburg) voted with his colleagues on the Joint Committee on Finance to continue Republicans’ historic investment in Wisconsin students, teachers and schools. The Joint Committee on Finance passed the largest education budget in actual dollars in state history today in an 11-4 party-line vote.

This investment devotes \$200 per pupil in additional funding for the first year, and \$204 per pupil in the second year of the budget, with a majority of these funds being infused directly into classrooms, while also recommitting the state to two-thirds funding of K-12 schools.

“Successful students become successful citizens, and today we voted to invest in Wisconsin’s future,” said Rep. Katsma. “This increase in funding plus restoring two-thirds funding will help students succeed both inside and outside of the classroom.”

In addition to the increase for per-pupil aid, the Republicans’ budget also increases investments in special education by nearly \$100 million; doubles our commitment to mental health programs; fully funds high-cost transportation for our rural schools; and fully funds the School Day Milk Program for low-income pupils.

“Building on last session’s pro-kid budget, this vote shows a commitment to all students in the state,” continued Rep. Katsma. “Every student deserves a high-quality education here in Wisconsin, regardless of their zip code.”

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Representative Terry Katsma represents the 26th Assembly District including the cities of Sheboygan and Sheboygan Falls; the villages of Adell, Oostburg, Random Lake and Cedar Grove; and the towns of Lima, Holland, Sherman and Wilson.