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## Rep. Katsma Supports Increase in School Aid

**Madison**—Representative Terry Katsma (R–Oostburg) backs the plan introduced by Republican members of the state legislature’s Joint Finance Committee (JFC) that will restore funding by \$150 per pupil in the first year and add an extra \$100 per pupil in the second year. He released the following statement:

“From the countless discussions I have had with Sheboygan County residents, it is clear that the proposed cuts to the state’s educational system were a top concern to just about everyone. Our children are Wisconsin’s future leaders—which is why I am supporting the JFC’s plan that is not only going to reverse those cuts but also provide a significant increase across the biennium.

“I applaud the committee members for rolling back the Course Options program. Although well-intentioned, the program deprived our school districts of the flexibility they need to administer extra coursework. Students will still be able to participate in the Youth Options, Concurrent Enrollment and Part-Time Open Enrollment programs without creating an undue burden on their school districts.

“I also commend the JFC for raising the current cap on the statewide voucher program and creating a path for the cap to be eventually removed. School choice is something that should be available to all families, not just those who can easily afford it, and I am glad to see the program continue to expand.”

The 2015-17 state budget is expected to be voted on by the Assembly and Senate in June before being signed into law by Governor Scott Walker.

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*Representative Terry Katsma represents the 26<sup>th</sup> 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. He serves as the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Financial Institutions and as a member of the committees on Consumer Protection, Housing and Real Estate, Ways and Means and Workforce Development.*