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Rep. Born Requests Governor Evers Direct More Funds to In-Person Schools

Madison, WI – Today, Rep. Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) and his Republican colleagues made a formal request to Governor Evers to direct additional funds to school districts that have been providing inperson instruction since the beginning of the school year. Rep. Born signed on to a joint letter that asks that \$20.8 million in additional Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds be directed to schools who are providing in-person learning.

"We know that in-person education is what's best for our kids," said Rep. Born. "Schools throughout Wisconsin, including many here in the 39th Assembly District, have been providing in-person education since the beginning of the school year and have incurred extra costs to do so safely."

The \$20.8 million in additional Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds come from the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) of 2021. These dollars are in addition to the original \$46.6 million in GEER funds included in the CARES Act. Much of the \$46.6 million was directed to school districts who are still providing little to no in-person learning.

"School districts that have already been providing in-person education should be recognized and supported," said Rep. Born. "They have spent time and resources to have our kids safely in school and many have done so successfully. We should provide financial support to offset these additional costs and applaud them for their efforts so far."

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