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**HEBL DECLARES VICTORY FOR STUDENTS & TEACHERS**

*Gov. Doyle balances budget and boosts education without raising taxes*

SUN PRAIRIE - Just one month after taking his oath of office, Representative Gary Hebl (D-Sun Prairie) commended Governor Doyle for providing a substantial increase in state funding for Wisconsin teachers and students by renewing the state's commitment to two-thirds funding for education in his budget address.

In his first letter to Governor Doyle, Hebl stated that education is a top priority for the citizens of the 46th Assembly District. Hebl requested additional state dollars to assure adequate funding for vital programs like four-year old kindergarten, SAGE, and special education that positively impact his district, and the Governor delivered.

"I want to make sure that Wisconsin continues to be a leader in quality public education for years to come, and ensure a continuity of school funding to maintain our commitment to current and future generations of students," Hebl said.

Representative Hebl has met with a number of administrators, teachers and parents over the past few months who share his passion for our schools. Hebl further explained, "at the request of several teachers in my district, I specifically asked that the Qualified Economic Offer (QEO) be repealed and last night in his budget address, Governor Doyle acknowledged his commitment to two-thirds funding for schools and his initiative to repeal the QEO.

"This is a victory for everyone," Hebl said. "The QEO has limited teachers' pay raises since 1993. Wisconsin's average teacher's salary has fallen from the 12th highest in the nation to 24th. It is time that the teachers of this state get the pay raise that they deserve and with the Governor's help, we can make that happen. The quality of education needs to be top-notch so that the students of today can become the leaders of tomorrow. I look forward to being a partner in making this a reality during my first term in office."

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