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Assembly Democrats support Governor Evers' call for a special session on education

MADISON – Last week, Governor Evers called for a special session on public education that was slated to begin today at 1:00 PM. Legislative Democrats support this plan that would help students. Assembly Democratic Leader Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) released the following statement on the Republican refusal to take up these important bills:

“It is time to make our public schools a priority. After eight years of uncertain funding and devastating cuts to our K-12 schools, it’s refreshing to see Governor Evers focus on our students and educators,” Rep. Hintz stated. **“The governor’s proposal makes critical investments in schools districts across the state while providing \$130 million in property tax relief. This plan is a win-win for Wisconsin families.”**

Governor Evers special session on education would:

- Renew the state’s commitment to providing two-thirds funding for our public schools.
- Expand mental health services for students who need them.
- Ensure that students with disabilities are receiving the services and support they need to be successful.
- Invest in rural schools through increased sparsity aid.
- Help reduce property taxes through equalization aid.

“Republicans have rhetorically supported increased funding for school-based mental health care. Refusing to even take up the provision to increase mental health care funding proves that this was simply a talking point and not a priority for Republican legislators.”

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