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REP. HINTZ: STATEMENT ON 21-23 BUDGET VOTE

MADISON - Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly took up the 2021-23 biennial budget bill. Following the floor vote, Rep. Hintz released the following statement:

“Under the leadership of President Biden and Governor Evers, Wisconsin has an unprecedented opportunity to invest in our communities and our public schools in ways that would be truly transformational, while also providing a targeted tax cut for the middle class. Yet, the budget before us reflects Republicans’ determination to undermine our future, in favor of prioritizing 2022 election politics.

“A budget is about priorities. When the state has \$5.3 billion in new revenue available and the Republicans spend just 2% of that on public education, it is clear our kids are not a priority. Forcing districts to cut classes, lay off teachers, and consider operational referendums at a time of record revenue in order to undermine Governor Evers priority is putting politics before the people of Wisconsin. The total new classroom funding in this budget is just 20% of the increase in former Governor Scott Walker’s final 2017-19 budget.

“As elected officials, we all have a duty to act in the best interests of our constituents and, together, in the best interests of Wisconsin. It is clear to me that this budget continues the Republicans’ obsession with undermining Governor Evers, and was written with Republicans’ partisan goals in mind. The people of Wisconsin deserve better than the budget bill that just passed the Assembly. As we move forward, I will continue to fight for the priorities and the future of the people of this great state.”

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