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GOP Focuses on Political Games...Again
As Republicans continue to play politics, Democrats fight for public education

MADISON - Following today's Wisconsin State Assembly floor session, Rep. Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) released the following statement:

"Today, the Assembly had an opportunity to do what was best for Wisconsin kids by taking action in special session to invest $550 million in public education, which would restore critical funding that Republicans cut from Governor Evers' original budget proposal. Education leaders at every level have been clear that our schools need these additional resources because if funding isn't restored, districts in every corner of the state will be forced to lay off teachers, cut programs, or go to referendum.

"Assembly Democrats were proud to support more funding in Wisconsin schools, because there is nothing more important than our kids' future. We strongly disagree with the Speaker that public education funding is a smokescreen. Or that our kids' future is a smokescreen. Instead of listening to Wisconsin's school leaders and doing what they should have done from the beginning, Assembly Republicans ignored Gov. Evers' call to action on education and chose to attempt a veto override, even though they knew their attempt would fail. Assembly Democrats were proud to uphold Gov. Evers' veto.

"As Wisconsin works to recover from a devastating global pandemic, Republicans have done the bare minimum with respect to the priorities that matter to the people of Wisconsin, including education funding and economic investment. Wisconsin deserves better than Republicans' perpetual political games."

State Budget	New K12 Classroom Funding
2011-2013	$ (901,317,500)
2013-2015	$ 248,851,900
2015-2017	$ 97,640,200
2017-2019	$ 562,022,000
2019-2021	$ 608,709,800
2021-2023	$ 111,943,700

Source: Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau

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