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Rep. Shankland Thanks Governor Evers for Action on 2021-23 State Budget & Calls on Colleagues to Further Fund Public Education

MADISON- This morning, Governor Tony Evers used his partial veto authority to make improvements to the 2021-23 state budget bill and signed the budget into law.

Rep. Katrina Shankland (D- Stevens Point) released the following statement in response:

"I appreciate Governor Evers' action on the state budget today, showing his commitment to the people of Wisconsin by addressing some of the glaring issues in the state budget. I'm grateful that he used his partial veto authority to improve upon the state budget bill sent to him by the Legislature, and I'm especially pleased that he announced \$100 million in additional investments in Wisconsin's schools.

"As I said when I voted against the budget, it is possible to fund our schools *and* deliver a tax cut. While the majority party in the Legislature presented us with a false choice between the two with a budget that chose not to significantly invest in public education, Governor Evers delivered on his promises to the people of Wisconsin and did both.

"In addition to the governor's new investment, Wisconsin schools will still need more support in the coming years in order to avoid cuts and layoffs. With a surplus available and most of the legislative session still ahead of us, I implore my colleagues to come together as soon as possible to do more to support and fund our K-12 public school classrooms and higher education. The future of our kids and our state depends on it."

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