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Representative Sapik Statement Signing of Wisconsin State Budget

Madison, WI: Assembling the State Budget for Wisconsin is one of, if not the most, important roles in this job. The Republican Assembly proposed a \$3.5 billion tax cut, but Governor Evers reduced that number to \$175 million. Because of that veto, only families making less than \$36,840 annually will receive tax relief.

My colleagues and I worked hard for months on what we deemed to be most important to Northwestern Wisconsin. As in most cases, we don't always get everything we want, but we did make some historic moves that we are all proud of, including:

- Shared Revenue increases for our local municipalities, some over 400%!
- Big moves with children and education including raising the per pupil revenue limit in public schools, offering school vouchers for private schools, and funding YoungStar with 30 million in state grants to disperse to daycares with quality ratings.
- Creation of The Right to Read Act, created to help those children whose reading scores have fallen over recent years, which will help children excel in reading and in turn, be more apt to be successful in their adult lives.
- ARIP (Agricultural Roads Improvement Program) is funded with 150 million dollars to help fix roads damaged by the agricultural industry, which will help these towns keep their dollars for other important projects and maintenance.
- This budget also includes \$525 million in new housing programs throughout the state.

There are a lot of things in this budget to be proud of. I want our communities in Northern Wisconsin to focus on the many positive aspects of this budget. Improved local town aids and roads will pave the way for more efficient transportation networks. Students and parents will enjoy expanded access to educational options, empowering them to make informed choices for their future. Public schools are finally receiving funding that they have so desperately needed.



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Additionally, this budget strives to make homeownership more attainable, providing opportunities for families to build wealth and stability.

Unfortunately, the budget requests for the fish hatcheries were denied. Also, the 2.1 million dollars that was intended to be allocated directly to Amnicon Falls and Pattison Park were put into a State Park pot. The good part of this is that the money is still there, the difficult part is getting it here. There is a tendency for those funds to stay south of Eau Claire, but I vow to do my best to work with the DNR, State, and County Officials to bring as much of that money here as possible.

I voted in favor of a firm budget to help our infrastructure, families, townships, and children. Although it isn't perfect, I am proud of a lot of things in this budget and I think my colleagues and I have shown that Northwestern Wisconsin matters, and we will continue to fight for the people who live the farthest from the Capitol, because what we are doing here matters and I am proud to be a loud, unignorable voice for all of us.

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2023 Act 13 provides funding from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025.



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