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Rep. Stubbs' Statement on Widening of Educational Inequities

MADISON, WI – On Monday, October 24th, the U.S. Department of Education's National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) published its first national assessment of students since the COVID-19 pandemic. This assessment found the disparity of scores between Black and white students in Wisconsin to be the widest among states in the nation. On this, Representative Stubbs released the following statement:

“Wisconsin is failing Black students. The disparities in our state were unacceptable before the COVID-19 pandemic, and now they continue to persist. If we want to make a more equitable Wisconsin, we need to start with supporting our young students and their schools.”

“Over 80% of all students enrolled are enrolled in a public school. Investments in our public schools are investments in our future. [I am proud to support Governor Evers' and Superintendent Underly's plan to invest \\$2 billion to increase per pupil & special education aids, improve reading and literacy outcomes, and more.](#) I hope to see this plan be approved by the Joint Committee on Finance, and find its way into our state's 2023-25 budget.”

“We know that supporting mental health services and school nutrition will empower our students to become successful scholars. We know that supporting our students early leads to better outcomes later in life. We know that our public schools need help and we know that our state has the resources to provide it.”

“Now is the time to put this knowledge into action, and invest in educational success. This next legislative session, I urge my colleagues to come to the table and make a real effort to close these disparities in education by supporting our local public schools.”