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Assembly Advances Educational Reforms for Enhanced Learning and Accountability

Madison, WI – The Wisconsin State Assembly took up a slate of bills today aimed at enhancing the educational landscape of our state.

Assembly Bill 1 makes changes to the educational assessment program, aiming to provide a more accurate measure of student achievement and school district accountability. This bill reverses the disastrous testing standards that Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Superintendent Jill Underly implemented. “We do our best when the best is expected of us,” said Rep. Allen (R-Waukesha), who co-authored the legislation. “Lowering standards does not help us to achieve our best results as a state.”

Assembly Bill 2 addresses the increasing concern over distractions in the classroom by mandating school boards to adopt policies prohibiting the use of wireless communication devices during instructional times. This initiative is a response to both educational research and community feedback advocating for a distraction-free learning environment. “It is no surprise that student performance has declined during the same period of time that cell phone use has become so widespread,” said Allen. “These distractions need to be kept out of the classroom.”

Assembly Bill 4 focuses on strengthening civic education by requiring specific instruction in civics from elementary through high school, reflecting a commitment to fostering informed and engaged citizens. “Thomas Jefferson wrote about the importance of an informed and educated electorate,” Rep. Allen said. “We cannot expect our self-governing experiment to survive if we do not continue to educate our students on the workings of our republican government.”

Assembly Bill 6 proposes a significant shift in school budget allocations, stipulating that at least 70% of operating expenditures be directed towards direct classroom activities and providing limits on annual pay increases for school administrators, aiming to prioritize educational outcomes. “Far too much money is being spent on non-teaching positions within our schools. We need to focus our resources on those who do the work of teaching our kids,” said Rep. Allen.

“Education success has to be about more than just spending, yet there are some whose only answer to challenges in education is to throw more money at the problems.”

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Rep. Scott Allen represents most of the City of Waukesha and parts of the Village of Waukesha.