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Budget Heads to Governor's Desk

After months of discussing the best way forward for our state, this past week we finally passed a two-year state budget. While both parties have disagreements, we all want to do what we think is best for the people that we serve. Ultimately, there were many topics we could agree on and the budget passed the Assembly and Senate with a bipartisan vote.

Some of the larger issues that we faced in this budget were education, broadband, healthcare, and keeping more money in the pockets of the hard working citizens of the state to name a few.

With the recent pandemic, I am glad that the Joint Finance Committee created a plan that took the flood of federal dollars into account. There is no such thing as free money, someone always pays the bill. When federal dollars are being given out like candy, it is important that we look at the situation as a whole and recognize that we need to make sure we are not double dipping into taxpayer pockets.

This budget provides a tax cut of over \$3.4 billion with the average family saving \$1,200 in income and property tax relief and \$200 million will be invested to eliminate the personal property tax.

Additionally, the 2021-23 budget invests nearly \$440 million into nursing homes and long-term care facilities, over \$100 million into Wisconsin hospitals, and \$130 million to help expand broadband to areas that need it the most like ours.

For education, we provided more funding for school mental health and K-12 education than ever before in addition to the \$2.4 billion in federal funding coming to Wisconsin schools.

In this budget we were able to do all of these things without expanding welfare.

While all of the things that we fund are important, we must continue to be forward thinking and seek opportunities out that allow people to live peaceful and prosperous lives. I am proud to have voted for a budget that will do just that.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns at Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wi.gov.

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