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Rep. Dittrich Secures Expanded Recovery High School Funding

Madison – Representative Barbara Dittrich (R – *Oconomowoc*) released the following statement regarding the Joint Committee on Finance's (JFC) decision to grant her budget motion to increase funding to recovery high schools by 50% over the biennium:

"No one in the State Capitol seems to disagree that our youth are in need of serious help. Last session, I was proud to author 2023 Act 72, funding recovery high schools in Wisconsin, with Senator Jesse James. I am grateful that JFC passed my budget motion recognizing the importance that recovery high schools play in addressing substance abuse in Wisconsin's youth. Four schools were awarded grants in the first round of applications out of a total of seven. This program has shown to be popular as there are other schools looking to utilize the recovery high school model. The state should be supporting these schools to get Wisconsin students back on the right track.

"I want to thank the members of JFC in both the Senate and the Assembly that voted to add more funding to the recovery high school program. This vote for recovery schools shows our collective commitment to helping Wisconsin's at-need youth."

State Representative Barbara Dittrich (R- Oconomowoc) is in her fourth term in the Wisconsin State Assembly, now serving the 99th Assembly District which includes much of Waukesha County's Lake Country Area as well as portions of Jefferson and Dodge Counties. Representative Dittrich serves as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Insurance.

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