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Wisconsin Assembly Republicans set the right priorities in the new state budget to ensure we have a healthy state and a healthy future. We are making government more accountable and cutting an entire state tax allowing working families to keep more of their hard-earned dollars. Republicans are delivering more money to schools, rewarding great teachers and giving families access to effective education options. This budget shows that we are good stewards of taxpayer dollars and are committed to moving Wisconsin in the right direction.

**EDUCATION\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Every child, everywhere deserves to have the best possible education. This budget delivers on our commitment to give students an effective education.

* Largest investment in K-12 education
* Increases state aid to school districts by $636M
  + Provides an additional $200/pupil in FY 18 and $204/pupil in FY 19
* Targets aid to frugal, low-spending school districts by directing $92M to more than 200 school districts over 5 years
* Creates a lifetime license for teachers and administrators who complete six-semesters of successful experience
* Increases family income threshold to 220% FPL for students in statewide choice program
* Provides more than $16M in new money for special education and mental health services

**TAXES\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

We care about hard-working families who deserve a break and don’t need higher taxes.

* Does not increase sales, property or income taxes
* Eliminates an entire state tax on property tax bill (Forestry Mill Tax), soda water tax and alternative minimum tax
* Keeps property taxes lower than they were in 2010, 2014 and today
* Protects taxpayers by limiting referenda to regularly-scheduled elections with maximum of two referenda a year
* Partial repeal of the personal property tax (Jan. 1, 2018) for small businesses

**HIGHER ED/WORKER TRAINING\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

We are working to provide students with the tools to succeed in careers and life at an affordable cost.

* Freezes tuition for another two years for in-state undergraduate students (tuition freeze has saved average student $6,300 over four years)
* Requires Board of Regents to freeze allocable fees until UWS develops a fee policy
* Enumerates engineering-related projects for the UW System to meet workforce needs
* Increases financial aid by $15M
* Increases worker training grants-$11.5M for Fast Forward grants, $1M for Career and Technical Education grants, $1M for grants to help school district buy technical education equipment
* Increases accountability through performance funding, teacher work load assessment, independent audit of UWS
* $20M in worker training grants for Foxconn legislation
* Helping to get more people workforce ready through the drug testing program in Wisconsin Works

**TRANSPORTATION\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Safe and reliable highways are essential for families, businesses and our economy. We are making a significant investment in our infrastructure but only doing what we can pay for. We will continue to look for a long-term funding solution. This budget is a step in the right direction.

* Reduces reliance on bonding with the lowest level of transportation bonding in over a decade
* Adopts new reforms including repealing of prevailing wage on state projects
* Increases accountability to reduce DOT size and project costs
* Increases oversight of the recommended highway projects
* Establishes a new user fee on hybrid & electric cars to support $75M in bonding
* Funds research on tolling as a long-term funding option
* Increases funding for local road aids

**HELPING MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Every Wisconsinite should have access to the American Dream.

* Makes investments in programs to increase access and improve long-term care services: personal care rate increase (2% each year), investments in dementia care specialists, Family Care, increased Disproportionate Share Hospital payments
* Provides additional funding for Child Psychiatry Consultation Program
* Protects the unborn: required DHS to conduct audit of Medicaid planning payments to Planned Parenthood and other providers
* Provides $490,000 annually to UW Carbone Center to increase access for cancer patients
* Fully funds Medicaid to help provide medical care for poor and elderly populations
* Increases funding for grants to help victims of violence and abuse

**FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

It is our job to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars. This is a fiscally responsible budget.

* Estimates to end biennium with nearly $200M balance
* Maintains largest rainy day fund in state history ($284M)
* Continues to work to reduce fraud and abuse in government programs
* Protects the state’s fully funded pension
* Ensures accountability of taxpayer resources to the UW System through performance funding
* Adds oversight and accountability measures to the DOT
* Reduces size of government by eliminating 432 FTE in each year compared to governor’s budget
* Spends $500M all funds less than governor’s recommended budget