4TH SENATE DISTRICT

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



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Week of February 17 — 13



COMMUNITY ALERT

Gospel Music
Benefit Concert

March 23 @ 4pm
Northside
Church of God
4858 N 19th St

Benefitting:
Prison Action
Milwaukee

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always, I'm Here to Serve!



Budget Takes Aim at Milwaukee, Taxpayers

Last Wednesday Governor Walker unveiled his budget proposal which included plans to eliminate the residency laws that require municipal employees to live in the area which they work. Supporters of the 75 year old law argue that the Wisconsin Constitution gives city governments the right to make their own requirements, also noting how Milwaukee faces no problems retaining municipal employees. The budget also included plans to expand funding for pri-



vate voucher schools by \$94 million, a \$1,400 per pupil spending increase while offering no new money for public schools, leaving parents and teachers of the 870,000 children in the public school system wondering where their funding is.

Black History Month Program a Success!

Last week we celebrated Black history month at the Capitol with a beautiful display commemorating the lives of influential African-Americans. The Black History Month event held Wednesday was a huge success, hearing from speakers such as Reverend Stephen Marsh and members of the Wisconsin legislature, celebrating many remarkable African Americans. While we take time every February

to reflect on the journeys of those who made paths and built bridges before us, we always remember the Black history is American history, and is worthwhile to remember and celebrate all year round!





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Tips for Winter Warmth and Safety

With winter storms pounding at our doors, the chances of power outages occurring increases. In case of an outage or extreme cold in your area make sure to: only use fireplaces or woodstoves with proper ventilation, make sure space heaters are clear of anything that may catch fire, store a multipurpose fire extinguisher, and make sure that your home has working carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. To report an outage call 800-662-4797 or for other questions call the We-Energies main office at 800-662-4797

Inquest Jury Recommends Criminal Charges

Last Thursday an inquest jury recommended that the three Milwaukee police officers face criminal charges in connection to the death of Derek Williams, who was in police custody at the time of the July, 2011 incident. The inquest was prompted after the medical examiner changed the manner of Mr. Williams death from

"natural" to "homicide". While the jury's verdict is just advisory, it is the first time in 25 years that charges have been recommended against a police office in Milwaukee county.



Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!

"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear."

Rosa Parks



"Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is expected."

Steve Jobs