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Senator Agard Applauds Governor's Special Session on Education

Governor Evers continues to try to solve problems while GOP creates more

MADISON - Today, Governor Tony Evers called a special session of the legislature to address the shortcomings in education funding for the 2021-23 biennium. After addressing some budget shortcomings with \$100 million of federal funds, Governor Evers proposed a bill to allocate over \$500 million more to Wisconsin's education system. Senator Melissa Agard released this statement:

"Time and time again, Governor Evers has put our kids first, while the GOP continues to do less for our schools. I couldn't agree more with the governor when he says "What's best for our kids is what's best for our state."

"The Republican budget short changed our kids and our schools - leaving them asking for more. After a year of challenges, we should be investing in our schools to ensure that no child slips through the cracks. Teachers, administrators, and staff have worked hard to make sure that students are still learning and are supported throughout this pandemic, it's time we support them.

"Through this special session, thanks to Governor Evers using his partial veto authority, we have the opportunity to invest more than \$500 million into our schools to increase per pupil spending, special education funds, and investments in our higher education system. It is truly disappointing that my Republican colleagues did not do this in their budget proposal, but we have the chance to right past wrongs today.

"We must do everything we can to support our kids and our schools if we want our economic recovery to continue. I am asking my Republican colleagues to do the right thing and show up for Wisconsin's kids."

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