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Historic Investment in Local Governments and K-12 Education

Madison, WI – Today, legislative Republicans announced a tentative agreement with the Governor and local officials covering shared revenue reform and funding for K-12 education. State Sen. Duey Stroebel (R – Cedarburg) issued the following statement in response:

“After extensive negotiations, legislative Republicans have reached a deal that is a big win for Wisconsin. We are making significant investments in local governments, K-12 education and public safety while eliminating the personal property tax.”

“In the compromise, most local governments are set to receive a minimum 20% increase in funding from the state. This will provide towns and municipalities an enhanced ability to meet their core obligations, which includes police, fire and EMS.

“For Milwaukee, there are provisions in the bill to incentivize both the city and county to be more fiscally prudent into the future, including saving hundreds of millions by stopping the streetcar expansion plan. There’s also a 2/3 vote requirement for Milwaukee officials to pass city and county sales tax increases. This is a golden opportunity for Milwaukee to get their act together.”

“We are also making historic investments in education, both public and private. This compromise will provide over \$1 billion to our K-12 education system – the much feared “fiscal cliff” never occurred. We set aside \$50 million to improve reading and literacy outcomes and \$97 million for special education reimbursement. Both public and private schools will benefit tremendously from this initiative. And finally, the enhanced funding for choice and charter schools will bring more parity in K-12 education for all Wisconsin students. This will bring the possibility of the true choice in education to more students in the coming years. Today is a great day for Wisconsin and for future generations.”

Senator Stroebel represents the 20th Senate District which includes parts of Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, Calumet and Sheboygan Counties.

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