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## **Reaction to Underly’s State of Education Address**

Madison, WI – Senator Duey Stroebel (R – Cedarburg) issued the following statement in response to the State of the Education address given by the Department of Public Instruction (“DPI”) Superintendent Jill Underly earlier today:

*“The State of Education in Wisconsin is in a better position due to Republican leadership. Republicans continue to focus on funding students for academic success. It’s unfortunate that Underly failed to highlight the historic bipartisan investment in K-12 public, independent charter and choice schools over the biennium. Instead, Underly spent most of her speech discussing a stretched analogy to the ‘Very Hungry Caterpillar’ and left-wing talking points on diversity, equity and inclusion. This is a reminder how the left is out-of-touch and no amount of additional K-12 funding is enough for some.”*

*“It’s worth mentioning the historic agreement that was struck between Governor Evers and legislative Republicans on K-12 education this budget cycle. Besides the record increase in public school resources to the tune of \$1.2 billion, the compromise included a remarkable \$280 million investment in choice and charter schools. Republicans also worked with Underly and other stakeholders on a critical phonics and literacy bill. These accomplishments are great news for the future of education in Wisconsin and should receive bipartisan praise.”*

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

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