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### **GOVERNOR'S BUDGET MAKES GOOD ON OBLIGATION TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

*Over \$200 Million Impact for Students, Property Taxpayers*

MIDDLETON - New data from the non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau shows that schools districts in the 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District would see \$205.4 million more in resources for the children of our communities in Gov. Tony Evers budget.

Spread over districts large and small, rural and urban, the Governor's proposal makes wise investments to support our schools and relieve the burden on property taxpayers. Statewide, the recent Fiscal Bureau summary of the budget shows Gov. Evers budget would cover 72.6% of school costs – up from less than 66% when he took office.

Since 2011, school districts in the 27<sup>th</sup> have had to add \$337 million to their property tax bills since deep and lasting state cuts to K-12 education, the Governor's budget is a real opportunity to turn that tide.

The new memo shows the potential impact of the Governor's proposal district by district broken down by major components of the Governor's budget:

- 1) revenue cap authority
  - (the amount districts can spend, which would largely be covered by Governor Evers' historic \$1 billion general aid increase)
- 2) per pupil aid
  - a specific state aid per student enrolled that does not count against state-imposed revenue caps
- 3) and, very importantly, special education aid

Special education reimbursement in particular stands out. This is the third budget Governor Evers has proposed simply reimbursing the cost of special education services – which are mandated by the state and federal governments – at 60% of the cost.

Children receiving special education services deserve the very best – and unfortunately for two budgets now my Republican colleagues have decided to stick property taxpayers with the vast majority of the bill by agreeing to reimburse only 30% of the cost.

With a historic surplus and prudent one-time investments to hold down costs elsewhere, this is the budget to finally make good on our obligation.

I am heartened by the opportunity Governor Evers has given to schools statewide – and especially our communities – to see real investment and hopefully break the cycle of forcing communities to fund school by ad hoc referendum.

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Breakdowns for districts that cover parts of the 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District are below

<u>School District</u>	<u>Revenue Cap Adjustments</u>		<u>Per Pupil Aid</u>		<u>Special Education</u>		<u>Total Without Offsets</u>		<u>Biennial Total</u>
	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	
Argyle *	\$123,300	\$328,800	\$6,576	\$18,906	\$112,852	\$119,842	\$242,728	\$467,548	\$710,276
Baraboo *	\$1,181,509	\$3,293,509	\$67,584	\$194,304	\$1,582,748	\$1,680,786	\$2,831,841	\$5,168,599	\$8,000,440
Barneveld	\$145,950	\$417,000	\$9,984	\$28,704	\$158,442	\$168,257	\$314,376	\$613,961	\$928,337
Belleville *	\$320,600	\$916,000	\$21,960	\$63,135	\$306,657	\$325,652	\$649,217	\$1,304,787	\$1,954,004
DeForest Area	\$1,368,850	\$3,911,000	\$93,624	\$269,169	\$2,439,454	\$2,590,557	\$3,901,928	\$6,770,726	\$10,672,654
Dodgeville *	\$412,300	\$1,178,000	\$28,248	\$81,213	\$507,580	\$539,020	\$948,128	\$1,798,233	\$2,746,361
Lodi *	\$652,500	\$1,740,000	\$34,800	\$100,050	\$947,582	\$1,006,277	\$1,634,882	\$2,846,327	\$4,481,209
Madison Metropolitan *	\$9,220,050	\$26,343,000	\$622,368	\$1,789,308	\$21,925,477	\$23,283,572	\$31,767,895	\$51,415,880	\$83,183,775
Middleton-Cross Plains *	\$2,556,400	\$7,304,000	\$174,960	\$503,010	\$4,730,635	\$5,023,657	\$7,461,995	\$12,830,667	\$20,292,662
Mineral Point	\$248,500	\$710,000	\$17,040	\$48,990	\$480,425	\$510,183	\$745,965	\$1,269,173	\$2,015,138
Monticello *	\$117,950	\$337,000	\$8,088	\$23,253	\$130,300	\$138,371	\$256,338	\$498,624	\$754,962
Mount Horeb Area *	\$856,261	\$2,585,011	\$55,248	\$158,838	\$1,077,819	\$1,144,581	\$1,989,328	\$3,888,430	\$5,877,758
New Glarus *	\$310,100	\$886,000	\$21,264	\$61,134	\$452,838	\$480,887	\$784,202	\$1,428,021	\$2,212,223
Oregon *	\$1,341,200	\$3,832,000	\$91,896	\$264,201	\$2,371,851	\$2,518,766	\$3,804,947	\$6,614,967	\$10,419,914
Pecatonica Area	\$149,100	\$426,000	\$10,224	\$29,394	\$213,908	\$227,158	\$373,232	\$682,552	\$1,055,784
Portage Community *	\$947,700	\$2,527,200	\$50,544	\$145,314	\$808,895	\$858,999	\$1,807,139	\$3,531,513	\$5,338,652

Poynette *	\$459,900	\$1,226,400	\$24,528	\$70,518	\$388,972	\$413,065	\$873,400	\$1,709,983	\$2,583,383
River Valley *	\$411,600	\$1,176,000	\$28,224	\$81,144	\$667,535	\$708,883	\$1,107,359	\$1,966,027	\$3,073,386
Sauk Prairie *	\$904,050	\$2,583,000	\$61,968	\$178,158	\$1,370,116	\$1,454,983	\$2,336,134	\$4,216,141	\$6,552,275
Verona Area	\$1,964,900	\$5,614,000	\$134,520	\$386,745	\$3,334,864	\$3,541,430	\$5,434,284	\$9,542,175	\$14,976,459
Waunakee Community	\$1,448,650	\$4,139,000	\$99,264	\$285,384	\$2,498,379	\$2,653,132	\$4,046,293	\$7,077,516	\$11,123,809
Wisconsin Dells	\$623,350	\$1,799,077	\$42,744	\$122,889	\$726,178	\$771,159	\$1,392,272	\$2,693,125	\$4,085,397
Wisconsin Heights *	\$340,073	\$913,823	\$18,360	\$52,785	\$499,277	\$530,203	\$857,710	\$1,496,811	\$2,354,521
	\$26,104,793	\$74,185,820	\$1,724,016	\$4,956,546	\$47,732,784	\$50,689,420	\$75,561,593	\$129,831,786	\$205,393,379