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**Sen. Smith’s Statement on Gov. Evers’ 2025-27 Biennial State Budget Address**

**MADISON** – Senator Jeff Smith (D-Brunswick) released the following statement regarding Governor Tony Evers’ (D-Wisconsin) 2025-2027 Biennial State Budget Address:

“The Governor’s budget reflects his commitment to 2025 being the “Year of the Kid.” The $856 million increase for the Universities of Wisconsin is the kind of commitment our state has needed for a very long time. Decades of cuts can’t prepare young adults for the economy Wisconsin needs to lead our nation.

“The Governor’s historic $3.1 billion investment in our schools will keep property taxes low and hopefully put an end to perpetual make-or-break referenda to keep public schools afloat.

“Most importantly though, the Governor’s budget keeps costs low for Wisconsin families despite misguided federal cuts and tariff taxes in Washington. We have so much to do and the Governor’s budget delivers on what Wisconsinites need while providing a big tax cut for the middle class.”

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*The 31st Senate District includes all of Eau Claire County and portions of Chippewa, Dunn and Trempealeau counties.*