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## Sen. Pfaff Praises Gov. Evers' \$15 Million Investment in Student Mental Health

**Madison, WI** – This week, Governor Tony Evers announced \$15 million from his "Get Kids Ahead Initiative" will be distributed to public school districts across Wisconsin to support mental health initiatives. Each public school district can receive at least \$10,000, with the remainder of the funds allocated on a per-pupil basis. This funding can be used to hire and support mental health navigators, provide mental health first aid and traumabased care training, or provide family assistance programs.

After the announcement, Sen. Pfaff said, "As a mental health advocate, I know Wisconsinites of all ages have needed greater mental health support and resources since long before COVID. I'm proud to have fought for proposals to increase mental health support for our farmers, our students, and others across the Coulee Region."

"These funds are important, but we still have a long way to go. It's vital that we continue to make investments in mental health resources for our children and schools to better help them succeed and grow. I applaud Governor Evers' leadership and recognition of the mental health crisis in our state."

"Addressing mental health in our schools now will not only save lives, but will provide for healthier families and communities in the future."

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Senator Brad Pfaff represents the 32<sup>nd</sup> Senate District, which includes La Crosse, Vernon, Crawford, and southern Monroe County.

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