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Welcome Back to School

Can you believe Summer is over?

As September begins and fall sports start their seasons, a new school year is underway. I can still remember the excitement of the first day of class, so it was an honor to welcome students back with Governor Evers to my alma mater, Melrose-Mindoro High School, this week. To all of our students across the rolling hills, coulees, and valleys of western Wisconsin, welcome back to school.

Although I'm sure you'll miss the warmth and freedom of summer, this new school year brings a variety of opportunities your way. You can make new friends, you can try new sports, you can get involved in theatre and music; the possibilities are endless. When I was young, I loved playing the baritone. On Friday nights in high school you'd find me in the announcer's booth calling football games for the crowd. This is the time to try new things and find what you're passionate about.

As our children return to school, safety remains an important priority. Students deserve the freedom to learn without worrying about the threat of violence in their halls. We must continue to fund safety measures to return confidence to families as they drop their kids off at school each day.

It's clear that our schools are stronger when they have the resources to meet student needs. I'm proud of the increase in education funding in our state budget, which restored two-thirds funding for our public schools for the first time in two decades. This funding renews Wisconsin's commitment to funding K-12 education and will prepare the leaders of tomorrow by giving them opportunities today.

Schools are the bedrock of our communities that unite us all. To the teachers and parents who continue to help our children reach their full potential, we are grateful and thank you. To all the students, I'm confident that you will rise to the challenges and opportunities this school year brings. Have a great school year!

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