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## **Senator Pfaff Reacts to Child Care Special Session**

**Madison, WI** – Today, Governor Evers announced a special session of the legislature to address child care. This comes after Joint Finance Republicans chose to not fund proven child care programs in the biennial state budget such as Child Care Counts, which has provided payments to child care providers since COVID and kept many of them in business. Senator Brad Pfaff (D-Onalaska) released the following statement on the special session:

"I applaud the Governor's call for a special session to address the child care crisis, and I stand ready to help our child care providers and working families in western Wisconsin."

"Investments in child care grow our economy and expand our workforce. Unfortunately, many working families face high prices to access child care, while others live in child care deserts with no access at all. At the same time, child care businesses struggle to find providers and stay in business."

"It's time for the legislature to get to work."

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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.