

Gov. Walker: Highlights historic investment in K-12 education at New Berlin West Middle/High School

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New Berlin - Governor Scott Walker visited New Berlin West Middle/High School in the New Berlin School District today to highlight the significant investments in K-12 education included in his Executive Budget proposal. Governor Walker's proposal includes \$649 million in new state aids for all of Wisconsin's K-12 schools and lifts [total K-12 investment to \\$11.5 million over two years, an all-time high.](#)

"Student success is one of our top priorities for this biennial budget," Governor Walker said. "As I held listening sessions throughout the state last year, one of the things I heard most frequently was the need to strengthen our schools. This just makes sense. The education our students receive today directly translates into their success tomorrow. To ensure the future of Wisconsin remains strong, we're investing in our K-12 education, and therefore investing in the future leaders of our state. The New Berlin School District directly benefits from these investments, and is estimated to receive more than \$4.9 million in per pupil categorical aid funding. That's real money and I have no doubt it will be put to good use and have a significant impact in the New Berlin community."

Governor Walker's budget proposal provides greater support for Wisconsin's rural schools through a \$20 million increase in Sparsity Aid, \$10.4 million increase in High-Cost Transportation Aid, \$92,000 investment over the biennium in Pupil Transportation Aid, an increase in the reimbursement rate for pupil transportation, and an additional \$22.5 million investment in broadband infrastructure grants.

The New Berlin School District is estimated to receive more than \$4.9 million in funding from these select categorical aids under Governor Walker's biennial budget, including:

- **\$1,985,850 in Fiscal Year 2018 and \$2,886,102 in Fiscal Year 2019 in Per Pupil Aid.** This represents an increase of \$2,665,452 over Fiscal Year 2017 doubled. Governor Walker's budget increases per-pupil funding by \$200 per pupil in Fiscal Year 2018 and \$204 per pupil in Fiscal Year 2019. This marks the largest increase since the 2005-2007 biennium.
- **\$20,815 in Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019 in Pupil Transportation Aid.** This represents an increase of \$1,372 over Fiscal Year 2017 doubled. Governor Walker's budget proposal funds the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) budget request for \$92,000 in Pupil Transportation Aid over the biennium, increasing reimbursement rates from \$300 per pupil to \$365 per pupil for more than 12 miles, from \$4 per pupil to \$10 per pupil for two to five miles in summer school, and from \$6 per pupil to \$20 per pupil for more than five miles in summer school.

The New Berlin School District may also be eligible for further funding under Governor Walker's budget proposal, such as mental health grants, energy efficiency incentives, and special needs grants.

To learn more about Governor Walker's proposed investment in K-12 and rural education, click [here](#). For Governor Walker's full 2017 Budget Address, click [here](#).