

Rep. Krug: Wisconsin state assembly passes budget

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Madison -Representative Scott Krug (R-Rome) voted in support of AB64 (the Budget Bill) today in the State Assembly.

“At the end of the last state budget, we started to work hard on bringing forth a budget plan that Central Wisconsin would benefit from. Once the Governor released his budget proposal in February I spent the next several months holding public budget listening sessions. Those sessions were very productive in generating ideas for growing the Central WI economic recovery”, said Rep Krug. “All of the ideas brought to me were offered for consideration, I was able to work with my Republican colleagues on the Joint Committee on Finance to achieve some constructive changes to the budget. This State Budget is a good budget for families, students, businesses and visitors to Central WI.” My vote supporting the budget bill advances the following highlights.

- Historic investment of \$639M into the K-12 classrooms all across WI. Additional \$200/pupil in '18 and another additional \$204/pupil in '19. \$16M in mental health services
- Property taxes lower than they were on 2010, 2014, and today □ Elimination of the State Property Tax (known as the Forestry Mill Tax)
- Investment of \$4M to Alexander Field in Wisconsin Rapids to make long overdue improvements and to keep up with the massive increase in air traffic to Wis. Rapids
- Funding for the largest hydrology analysis in WI history, to find scientific solutions for high capacity well issues □ Maintain the operation of the UWSP paper science making machine. The machine is absolutely crucial for job training for Wisconsin papermakers. □ Freezes tuition for another two years, over six years saving a UW

family over \$6000, increases financial aid by \$15M □ Increases Fast Forward training grants, Career and Tech training and over workforce funding by \$30M to keep our top notch workforce trained and ready for growth

- Protection of the Wisconsin SeniorCare program, elimination of the waiting list for Long Term Care support for children, and increased dementia care funding
- Lowest transportation bonding in over a decade, reforms and oversight to DOT
- Continuance of my annual efforts to require funds to go towards fraud prevention in assistance programs, Every dollar spent in this effort generates 18 times the amount spent in savings.