

# Rep. Murphy: Statement on biennial budget passage in the assembly

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Madison...Representative Dave Murphy (R-Greenville) voted today in favor of Wisconsin's 2017-19 biennial budget, Assembly Bill 64. "No legislation is perfect, yet I firmly believe this budget is one of the best in our history," Murphy said. "Government reforms, support for families, and a clear path to the future we deserve are all components of this budget," stated Murphy. "After carefully reviewing this legislation, amending it, and discussing it with constituents, I'm confident this was the right vote for my district."

The legislation simplifies the tax code by getting rid of several taxes and partially repeals a tax on small businesses. In addition, it eliminates an entire state tax on property tax bills and lowers property taxes to below 2010 levels. The two-year spending plan invests in bridges and roads to the extent the state can afford those projects, and the transportation portion contains the lowest bonding in over a decade.

"I am especially glad my proposal to phase out the personal property tax was included in this bill because it saves taxpayers \$180 million," Murphy continued. "I'm also very happy that our historic investment in K-12 education includes increased funding of over \$600 dollars per student."

Murphy concluded by saying this budget was made to be responsible and accountable to Wisconsin families. "We are making the best budget decisions we can for our future," said Murphy. "We have engineered this budget to end in the black with a positive balance, while at the same time maintaining the largest rainy day fund in state history."

The budget bill will now move to the State Senate for a vote, before being sent to Governor Walker to be signed into law.