

Rep. Pope: Democratic weekly radio address: 'We can do better for our kids'

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MADISON – Today, Rep. Sondy Pope (D-Mount Horeb) offered the Democratic Weekly Radio Address on the new school year and the same old Republican tricks:

“On Tuesday, students across Wisconsin will pack their backpacks and head back to the classroom. Yet, we still don’t have a finalized state budget,” Rep. Pope said. “Wisconsin has a proud tradition of quality public education. We need to make sure our kids have the tools they need to succeed as the future workforce of our state.”

The audio file of this week’s address can be found [here](#), and the video can be found [here](#).

A written transcript of the address is below:

“Hi, I’m Representative Sondy Pope, ranking Democrat on the Assembly Committee on Education, with this week’s Democratic radio address.

“On Tuesday, students across Wisconsin will pack their backpacks and head back to the classroom. Yet, we still don’t have a finalized state budget. That means school districts across our state are left in the lurch, unsure about how much money they have to provide quality education for our children.

“That is why I was surprised this week when the Republicans on the Joint Finance Committee advanced a funding option for Wisconsin schools that still doesn’t make up for the mistakes of the past. Today, we’re still \$1 billion dollars short of where

we should be. Not a single proposal from Republicans would fill that hole.

“Wisconsin has a proud tradition of quality public education. We need to make sure our kids have the tools they need to succeed as the future workforce of our state.

“Democrats have a plan to put more money into schools and to lower property taxes. You can learn more about our plan at WICanDoBetter.com.

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“As Democrats, we support our public schools, our teachers, and most of all, our students. As our main priority, we will continue the fight for them and the future of our great state.

“Thank you.”