

Rep. Spiros: Votes to invest in schools and protect taxpayer money

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Madison – On Wednesday State Representative John Spiros (R-Marshfield) joined his colleagues in approving the 2017-19 state budget in the Wisconsin State Assembly. He is proud of his vote of support for a budget that makes the largest investment to K-12 schools in state history, while still protecting the taxpayers of Wisconsin.

“Every child deserves to have the best education possible, and this budget shows that we’re making that a priority,” stated Rep. Spiros. “Not only are we making the largest investment in K-12 education ever, we’re also investing more than \$16 million in new money for special education and mental health services. My own daughter is a teacher of special needs students, so my family understands the importance of these investments.”

Though Representative Spiros was happy to support this budget because of the positive impact it will have on the citizens of Wisconsin, he believes there is still more work to be done.

“I’m pleased that we’ve made it a priority to decrease transportation bonding in this budget – it includes the lowest level of bonding in over a decade. I am also pleased with the \$10 million increase to the Local Roads Improvement Fund. This is a big win for our communities” Rep. Spiros said. “However, there is still more work to be done in transportation. Investment in infrastructure is essential, and I am committed to continuing to look at more options in the future. This transportation plan is a start, not a solution.”

The Wisconsin State Assembly is truly prioritizing the good of taxpayers with this budget. Representative Spiros was excited to support a budget that makes government more accountable, prioritizes education, and keeps taxes in check by

not increasing any sales, property, or income taxes and by eliminating an entire tax placed on Wisconsin citizens.

The budget now heads to the state Senate for consideration before going to Governor Walker to be signed into law.