

School Choice Wisconsin/Wisconsin Federation for Children: Joint Statement On Wisconsin Budget Proposal

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Investments In Education Create A Starting Point

Governor Walker's proposed biennial state budget was introduced today and contains significant allotment of new dollars into K12 education. The following is a joint statement from School Choice Wisconsin and The Wisconsin Federation for Children:

"We are pleased with Governor Walker's major investment in education in his proposed budget and thank him for additional increases in the voucher amount for the Parental Choice Programs. Each year of the budget will see a \$217 increase per student in the programs.

"We are disappointed that none of these funds will be used to help hundreds of families get their children off of waiting lists and into the school of their choice. Across Wisconsin, demand for the Parental Choice Programs and the Special Needs Scholarship continues to grow. Unfortunately, program caps and limitations constrain supply and restrict access to quality schools by parents and students.

"This year, school choice supporters in both Washington, D.C. and Wisconsin will be

making bold moves in creating and expanding opportunities for parents. We look forward to harnessing the national momentum around education reform in our work with our legislative champions in Wisconsin throughout the budget process. Hopefully, the legislative process will produce solutions for parents on waiting lists across Wisconsin.”