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Rep. Kitchens: Statement on passage of AB 569 and AB 731

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MADISON– State Representative Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following statement after the Assembly voted to pass Assembly Bill 569 and Assembly Bill 731:

“I am delighted that my colleagues in the Assembly voted to pass my School Report Card Publication Date Bill, AB 569, which will change the publication date for the school and school district accountability reports that DPI puts out annually from September to November 30th.

“Since annual testing in our schools moved up from the autumn to the spring several years ago, the existing timeline is simply impossible for the department to follow. They are not currently able to submit complete, valuable accountability reports in September. This adjustment will be a benefit to the department and to all the school districts in our state.

“Another great win for our district was the passage of my bill, AB 731, which will allow free newspapers to receive compensation for publishing legal notices and serve as the paper of record for certain municipalities.

“For some rural areas in Wisconsin, free local newspapers are the most widely circulated source of news and therefore the only viable option to publish any legal notice. This bill will provide opportunities to rural newspapers to better serve the public and especially rural constituencies.

“I am proud to have introduced these two bills. Our citizens have a right to be accurately informed and I firmly believe that these bills go a long way in supporting

that right.”