

Sen. Darling: To serve on seven committees

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Madison – Protecting taxpayers, continuing our investment in education, and keeping Wisconsin’s turnaround moving forward will be the top goals for State Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) in the upcoming legislative session. Senator Darling expects her new committee assignments will help achieve those goals.

On Friday, Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) announced committee assignments for Senate Republicans. In addition to serving as the Senate Co-Chair on the budget-writing Joint Committee on Finance, Senator Darling will serve six committees in the next Legislative session.

- *Education (Vice-Chair)
- *Judiciary and Public Safety
- *Universities, Technical Colleges, Children and Families
- *Joint Committee on Employment Relations
- *Joint Legislative Council
- *Joint Legislative Audit Committee
- *Senator Darling says she is looking forward to the next legislative session.

“My number one goal will be to protect taxpayers. The tax burden in Wisconsin is now at its lowest in 50 years. Wisconsin is on the right track and we can’t go back now,” Darling said, “As a former teacher, I know how important education is to our state’s future. In my role as Vice-Chair of the Education Committee, I will continue to work to make sure every child in the state has access to a quality education. Providing students with a strong educational foundation will continue to move our

state forward.”

Senator Darling says she is ready to work with Governor-Elect Tony in areas that do not compromise the principles of those who elected her. One area with possible bi-partisan agreement may be to pass similar reforms to the federal First Step Act, which overhauled the criminal justice system.

“I believe there is strong bi-partisan support for criminal justice reform,” Darling said, “Unemployment has held at or below 3% for ten straight months and our employers need workers. The fact is many of these individuals will eventually return to society. Making sure they are ready to find work in the jobs that are available is crucial to ending the cycle of incarceration.”

The next Legislative session begins in early January 2019.

Senator Darling represents portions of Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha Counties.