

Forward Kenosha and the Kenosha Education Association: Partner to host Wisconsin non-partisan budget forum

Posted on Thursday, May 16, 2019

>> **WisPolitics is now on the State Affairs network. Get custom keyword notifications, bill tracking and all WisPolitics content. [Get the app or access via desktop.](#)**

Contact: Jodi Muerhoff (262) 308-1943, ForwardKenosha@gmail.com

Kenosha, WI – Gov. Evers and Wisconsin Republicans are disagreeing about what should be included in Wisconsin’s budget. Forward Kenosha and the Kenosha Education Association are inviting constituents to come talk with your elected officials about what has happened so far in the budget process, what to anticipate and how they can get involved.

The following elected officials have been invited to attend: Rep. Samantha Kerkman, Sen. Van Wanggaard, Rep. Tod Ohnstad, Sen. Bob Wirch, Rep. Tip McGuire.

WHO: Forward Kenosha and the Kenosha Education Assoc.

WHAT: Wisconsin Nonpartisan Budget Forum

WHEN: Thursday, May 23rd – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Kenosha Union Hall, 3030 39th Avenue Kenosha, WI 53144

“Gov. Evers and Wisconsin Republicans don’t agree on what’s best for the citizens of Wisconsin. There are fundamental differences in their priorities: whether to accept Medicaid expansion, which could bring an additional \$63 million to Kenosha County alone; whether or not to legalize medical marijuana; whether manufacturing should pay

their fair share of taxes; whether a non-partisan redistricting board should determine Wisconsin's voting maps; and many other important budget items. These were issues which brought voters to the polls in November. Constituents need to understand where their elected officials stand, where there is room for compromise and how constituents can get involved in the process."

-Jodi Muerhoff, Forward Kenosha

"Strong public schools are the foundation of strong communities; we know that parents and the broader Kenosha community care deeply for the welfare of our students, but the lack of funding being proposed, especially for special education services, will ultimately result in the loss of necessary classroom resources they need to be successful, including access to meaningful mental health services. The state budget is a moral document that should reflect the people's values to invest in children in our public schools. It's time for community members and lawmakers to set aside their respective differences and come together to have meaningful discussions that put us on a path towards a brighter future for our schools and communities."

-Kendra Koeppen-Mulwana, Kenosha Education Association