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Rep. Magnafici: Votes in favor of state budget

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MADISON – Rep. Magnafici (R-Dresser) joined her Republican Assembly colleagues on Tuesday by voting in favor of the state's biennial budget. The budget bill advanced out of the Assembly in a 60 to 39 vote. The budget included a motion submitted by Magnafici to increase funding for the state's Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) by $90 million. LRIP is a state administered program that provides funding to municipalities and counties to improve deteriorating roads.

"This is a great budget for the 28th Assembly District," said Rep. Magnafici. "This budget makes the largest total dollar investment for K-12 education in state history, invests in our long-term healthcare, and provides funding for our local roads."

"I'm incredibly excited to see my budget motion for increased road funding be passed by the Assembly. Republicans and Democrats in Polk, Burnett, and St. Croix Counties agree that our roads are in serious need of repair. The additional funding that this budget provides for roads is specifically designated for deteriorating local roads, and I look forward to working with local leaders to ensure that all areas of my district benefit from this funding."

"This budget also provides additional funding to our caregivers. With this budget, we have invested more than $150 million in caregiver wages and $74 million in nursing homes. As our elderly population in our state continues to grow, it is imperative that we ensure those taking care of our friends and loved ones are also taken care of."

“I hope Governor Evers joins my Assembly Republicans and myself in supporting a budget that will help all of Wisconsin. These investments have been made with responsible levels of spending and a far lower structural deficit than what was proposed by Governor Evers.”

Following a vote on the budget by the Senate, the budget will go to Governor Evers where he may sign the budget, veto specific portions of the budget, or veto the budget in its entirety.