

# Rep. Shankland: Response to Governor Evers' State of the State address

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MADISON – Following Governor Tony Evers' inaugural State of the State address, Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) released the following statement:

“Tonight Governor Evers delivered an inspiring, positive vision which reflects his commitment to investing in and advocating for Wisconsin kids and families. I’m thrilled to see our governor working to unite us through inclusive and thoughtful leadership.

“Above all, Governor Evers called for collaboration on policies that make sure our state works for everyone, like expanding access to affordable healthcare, fully funding our schools, championing the Wisconsin Idea, and fixing our roads.

“The governor highlighted his plan to strengthen BadgerCare so more people can have access to quality healthcare while saving taxpayer money. He also emphasized his dedication to ensuring continued protections for people with pre-existing conditions.

“From his plan to commit two-thirds funding to our public schools to supporting the Wisconsin Idea, Governor Evers' emphasis on education is clear. I appreciate his focus on investing in public education at all levels, and his understanding that what's best for Wisconsin kids is best for the state as a whole.

“It's refreshing to have a governor willing to put money where his mouth is. For

years, I've heard from taxpayers, town board chairs, and county supervisors who want us to work together to fix our roads and bridges. Governor Evers reaffirmed his goals to fix our infrastructure while strengthening our economy.

“After years of divide and conquer policies, it is exciting to see Governor Evers bringing our state government to the people, listening to them, and working to find commonsense solutions that work for all of Wisconsin. I look forward to the session ahead, and hope that my legislative colleagues and I can work together to bring his positive vision to fruition.”