

Rep. Thiesfeldt: Responds to the State of the State address

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Madison – Last night, Governor Tony Evers gave his first State of the State Address. Today, Representative Jeremy Thiesfeldt responded to that address:

“I am saddened at the Governor’s partisan tone that failed to mention any of the myriad of positive things in our state,” said Rep. Thiesfeldt. “We have made monumental progress in the past eight years. We in the Legislature, under Governor Walker, cut taxes by record amounts. Wisconsin has an almost \$600 million surplus, which we are proposing be returned as a middle class tax cut. Our unemployment rate has been at or below 3% for 11 straight months. Incomes are up, and poverty is down. In addition, our annual tourism industry has reached over \$20 billion. Federal reports rank Wisconsin as #4 in health care quality and #3 in quality of life. Wisconsin is a great place to work and live.”

As Assembly Education Chair, Rep. Thiesfeldt had the following thoughts on Governor Evers’ education proposals: “I appreciate the fact that the Governor and I have both logged thousands of hours in front of classrooms of students. Good education is not about how much you spend. I am in favor of modest inflationary increases for general education aid, but any further funding must be reasonable and should be targeted to special education and mental health. In the current budget, we made the biggest investment ever in the history of Wisconsin in K-12 education. We have improved safety in our schools, invested in school mental health, and we are committed to every student’s success.”

“The State of the State is that Wisconsin is a great state in great shape. Things are overwhelmingly positive. We have made major, monumental progress in the past

eight years, we are thriving, and we are continuing to move forward.”