

Weekly GOP radio address: Addressing school funding

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MADISON, Wis. – Rep. Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following Weekly Radio Address on behalf of Wisconsin State Republicans:

Hi, this is State Representative Joel Kitchens.

For the past year, I have co-chaired the Blue Ribbon Commission on School Funding. The commission was composed of legislators from both houses and both parties, as well as educational leaders from across the state.

We visited schools and met with stakeholders in every corner of Wisconsin to hear firsthand the challenges facing our schools and their changing populations. It has been the most extensive conversation on school funding in a generation.

At the end of the process, we found that, while our members differed in their approaches at times, we shared common goals and we were able to reach consensus on several measures that will substantially improve our educational system.

Providing opportunities for our young people so that they may live happy, productive lives is perhaps the most important mission with which we are charged. I hope the Blue Ribbon Commission can serve as an example of how we can work together in a bipartisan manner in dealing with vital issues. It is what the public expects of us and it is what we must demand of ourselves.