

# Rep. Vining: The moment is bigger than competing tax cut plans

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WAUWATOSA – Today, Rep. Robyn Vining (D-Wauwatosa) welcomed Governor Tony Evers to the 14th Assembly District, at Lincoln Elementary School in Wauwatosa, as he promoted using the budget surplus in the state to fund public education and provide property tax relief. Governor Evers vetoed Senate Bill 821, the tax cut plan put forward by Legislative Republicans, and stated that he was willing to come to the table and find a plan that would provide further tax relief, as well as making critical investments in our schools. Rep. Vining issued the following statement:

“I believe the moment we have before us is bigger than competing tax cut plans. When I talk to my friends and neighbors in Brookfield, Wauwatosa, and Milwaukee, I hear concerns about the lack of mental health resources in our schools and our schools not having the funding they need to create opportunity for all.

“We have an opportunity before us, an opportunity to meet the needs of our people. The Wisconsin Idea is that education should influence people’s lives beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

“Governor Evers’ plan meets the moment to address the mental health care needs in our schools. Governor Evers’ plan meets the moment to ensure those with special needs are given the resources they need to be successful. Governor Evers’ plan meets the moment by increasing equalization aid across Wisconsin so our local school districts are not continued being asked to do more with less.

“I am here to meet the Governor at this moment, in a school, because this is where our funding needs to be invested. Governor Evers’ plan, while meeting the moment, and doing all these things, also delivers property tax relief. Yesterday, Republicans literally and figuratively gaveled out of this conversation, but that’s not stopping me

from fighting for the needs of our teachers, our administrators, our students, and our schools. Thankfully, that's not stopping our Governor, either.

“Governor Evers said today that he is willing to come to the table on this plan and provide an income tax cut, provide even more property tax relief, and pay off more of the state’s debt. He said that the plan does not have to be his plan — he does not need the credit. However, the plan for the state surplus must include funding for schools — this is an absolute must for our governor. So, let’s meet at the moment and come to the table for our state. I’m ready— let’s go!”