

Rep. Baldeh: Statement on Gov. Evers signing 2021-23 budget

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MADISON – Rep. Baldeh (D-Madison) released the following statement on Governor Evers signing the 2021-23 state budget and announcing the investment of \$100 million federal dollars in Wisconsin’s public schools:

“By signing the state budget today Gov. Evers once again demonstrated his dedication to do what he believes is in the best interests of the people of Wisconsin.”

“I share in his disappointment that the GOP authored budget falls well short of addressing the state’s needs and represents several missed opportunities to move Wisconsin forward as we emerge from the pandemic and I applaud the governor for using his partial veto authority to correct some of the Republicans’ misplaced priorities.”

“I voted against this budget in the assembly because it fails to expand healthcare coverage to low income families, adequately fund our schools, and make real investments in PFAS remediation. However, had the Governor vetoed the budget in its entirety, the state would have lost out on billions of dollars in federal funding, critical infrastructure projects would have been left unfunded, and school districts around the state would have faced continuing uncertainty while crafting their budgets.”

“By announcing the use of \$100 million of pandemic stimulus money to help fund Wisconsin’s schools Gov. Evers managed to head off the worst effects of the GOP’s underfunding of K-12 education”