

Rep. Vining: Statement on today's Assembly Session

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MADISON- Following Assembly Session today, Representative Robyn Vining (D-Wauwatosa) released the following statement:

“I have once again shown up to vote in Madison and instead of investing in mental health supports, social workers, early intervention for our students, and doing the hard work to address root causes of deeply concerning behaviors, Republicans are picking political fights and playing political games.”

“Instead of addressing the needs of our students and teachers and administrators and school districts, Republicans are picking political fights and driving wedges of fear and division.”

“Rather than addressing the pressing and often critical needs of the people of my district, Republicans are again pushing unfunded mandates on schools and teachers.”

“Legislators need to behave as public servants dedicated to the people of their districts, not the political ambition of their party.”

“As the Ranking Member on the Committee on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Prevention, I am astounded that we are nearly three months into our legislative session and we have yet to see a bill addressing the mental health of children, teachers, parents, and so many others counting on us to bring these ideas to the floor. And this is after the 2021-2022 legislative session concluded without one bill from our Committee on Mental Health signed into law!”

“Everyday we wake up with the opportunity to meet this critical moment in Wisconsin's history with answers our constituents deserve. When will we act? We

steward the power to help people, and so we should. We are back in session next week and it is my high hope that we see the Republican party show up with bills that will help people—our constituents deserve that. Forward *together*.”

Rep. Vining represents the 14th Assembly District, which includes parts of Wauwatosa and West Allis. For more information, visit Rep. Vining’s website [here](#).