

News Release

Education Information Services ■ 125 South Webster Street ■ P.O. Box 7841 ■ Madison, WI 53707-7841 ■ (608) 266-3559

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DPI-NR 2017-53

Thursday, May 18, 2017

Contact: Tom McCarthy, DPI Communications Director, (608) 266-3559

Evers urges Congress to reject proposed cuts in education budget

MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers issued a statement today opposing massive cuts to federal education funding contained in news reports on the proposed budget from President Donald Trump and U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.

“Educational opportunities for Wisconsin students would be deeply damaged by the President and Secretary DeVos’ proposed budget. Using federal funds to compel state policies runs directly counter to recent bipartisan efforts to put states back into control over education policy.

“As it stands, the proposal also seeks to benefit students attending private schools, while drastically cutting back funding for public schools. Deep cuts to public library and after-school program funding would put additional strain on the students and families who rely on this support to succeed. From career and technical education to gifted and talented, these cuts would hurt Wisconsin students and undermine college affordability.

“I urge Congress to reject these proposals and continue investing in our students and educators.”

###

NOTE: This news item is available electronically at https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2017_53.pdf.