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## STATE SENATOR

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### **Erpenbach Applauds Evers Budget Initiatives**

*Broadband, Education Funding, Shared Revenue Increase among Highlights*

“Governor Evers laid out a budget that addresses the programs and priorities that were left behind, underfunded and ignored during the last eight years. I am glad to see that our schools and universities are finally getting the funding and attention they need,” said Erpenbach.

The Evers budget lives up to what he has always said-what’s best for our kids is what’s best for our state. Republicans have spent the past eight years failing to fully fund our public schools. More than one million Wisconsinites have raised their own property taxes to support their local schools. This budget provides historic investments in K-12 education, returning it to the two-thirds funding the state has always promised.

“I was also excited to have Mac Austin and his family, constituents from Verona, at the budget address last night. They were there to help highlight the historic \$600 million investment in special education that Governor Evers is making in his budget,” added Erpenbach.

Other highlights important to Wisconsin and the 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District include \$400 million in middle class tax relief, a shared revenue increase for local governments, a \$78 million investment in broadband, a non-partisan redistricting process, and \$150 million for our state universities that are struggling after eight years of cuts by the prior administration.

“This budget is clearly about creating a Wisconsin that works for everyone. Governor Evers held budget listening sessions across Wisconsin in December to hear directly from the people of our state about what they wanted to see in his budget, and that is reflected in what he’s put forward.”

“It’s time to set politics aside and get to work,” said Erpenbach. As a member of the Joint Committee on Finance, I am disappointed that Republicans have dismissed this budget out of hand, it’s clear they have no intention of working together.”