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Special Education Investments Are Paramount

MADISON – Governor Tony Evers included in his biennial budget, a request for a \$606 million increase for special education in Wisconsin. Under the Governor’s budget, state support for special education costs would increase from 25% to 30% in the first year of the biennium and 60% in the second year.

“This increase was sorely needed after years of neglect by the past administration. I’m glad the Governor sees the value in all of our children and wants to help our school districts do what’s best for our kids,” Representative Dianne Hesselbein (D – Middleton) said.

Republicans on the Joint Finance Committee have already signaled that they will not approve the Governor’s allotment for special education in the budget. This comes after the same Republicans rejected millions in savings from the Medicaid expansion.

“Once again, my Republican colleagues found an issue to campaign on, but when the time comes to deliver they say their hands are tied. Families in our community cannot wait any longer for the funding they need,” Hesselbein concluded.

School districts in the 79th Assembly District, represented by Hesselbein in the legislature, would all see a special education investment of \$2 million to \$5 million or more. Wisconsin Legislative Democrats provided constituents with an [interactive map](#) that shows the investment each school district would receive across that state.

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