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Stanford Taylor statement on Joint Finance Committee action

MADISON – State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor issued a statement today on the Joint Committee on Finance action on K-12 education and public libraries.

"Wisconsin's students depend on what we do for them today. We built our budget on the belief in equity – giving students what they need, when they need it, to be successful. I think we all agree on that, and we also heard it loud and clear from parents and educators across the state.

"The budget proposal for education is an increase, but falls short of the demands schools face. I'm encouraged to see \$1.6 million put in for high cost transportation funding that will help our students in rural areas, \$12.5 million in funding for student mental health, as well as \$2 million for our libraries. The investment in special education is a needed increase after a decade of flat funding.

"Thank you to our tireless advocates who fight every day for the children in their districts and who have made their needs known through this budget process over these last few months. We remain committed to working with the legislature and the governor to ensure every student graduates college and career ready."

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