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## **Rep. Macco Supports Investments Made in K-12 Public Schools**

**Green Bay...**Yesterday, Representative John Macco (R-Ledgeview) wrote to several Green Bay-area school district superintendents to underscore his support for increasing funding for K-12 education throughout Wisconsin. The legislature's Joint Committee on Finance approved this funding increase on May 23. Rep. Macco released the following statement:

"Thanks to a strong economy and smart fiscal management, the State of Wisconsin is in the position to build on our historic increases in education, while holding the line on taxes. Our proposal for the 2019-21 pro-kid budget raises the state investment in the education fund to its highest dollar amount ever, about \$12 billion. It also renews the state's commitment of two-thirds funding, originally defaulted on by Governor Jim Doyle. We are also increasing funding for special education for the first time in more than a decade, and increasing the investment in mental health services," said Rep. Macco.

The 2019-21 pro-kid education budget includes:

- A per-pupil increase of \$200 in the first year of the biennium and \$204 in the second year for all schools
- A \$96 million increase in state funding for special education
- A \$12.5M increase in funding for student mental health services
- Increased funding for high cost transportation aid

"Our budget plan also targets resources to rural districts – it increases funding for high cost transportation aids. Under this plan, low-revenue districts may increase spending limits to \$9,700 the first year, and \$10,000 per student by the second year of the budget, up from the current \$9,400. I'm proud that we are able to present a plan that once again offers historic increases for our public schools in a responsible way," concluded Rep. Macco.

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