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## **Shannon Zimmerman Lauds Budget Successes**

(Madison) Today, Representative Shannon Zimmerman (R-River Falls) voted to finalize the Joint Finance Committee's version of the Budget.

"Every budget is about priorities. Rather than go spend-crazy with 3% unemployment, we have been strategic in our investments in education, workforce, healthcare, and more, all while holding the line on taxes." said Rep. Zimmerman.

Some of the accomplishments Rep. Zimmerman is most proud of include:

- \$500 million more for K-12 education, which means a \$200 increase per student, for each year over the biennium for school aids, plus a 22% increase to special education funding
- Providing UW River Falls \$2 million to reach the first major milestone of the new science building, along with providing funding for additional scientists at the new Dairy Hub
- \$25 million more for technical colleges, along with more student aids for tech and UW students to help bolster our workforce
- \$74 million more for nursing homes, \$90.4 million more for personal care workers, and \$66.6 million funding for FamilyCare direct care workers
- \$30.5 million more for Child Protective Services overburdened by the opioid crisis
- \$150 million more in local road aids, along with additional funding for highways around the state
- \$400 million in tax cuts to both income and property taxes for middle class taxpayers

"Rather than raising taxes by \$1 billion and massively increasing welfare spending, I have worked hard on this budget to ensure we fund our priorities while not engaging in policies harmful to Wisconsin's economic future," said Zimmerman. "I promise to continue to be prudent and thoughtful with spending so Wisconsin continues to be a great place to live and do business."

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