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Weekly Radio Address: Back to School

Madison... Rep. Samantha Kerkman (R-Powers Lake) talks about a new effort to recognize and honor the service of our First Responders.

Hi, I'm Representative Sam Kerkman. As a Mom of two school-aged kids, I know how stressful this time of year can be for teachers and parents, as well as students.

We have worked hard over the past eight years to make sure all schools, and all students, have the resources and support they need to offer our kids the best education.

Because of the smart fiscal management of the Republican Legislature, we have been able to steadily increase state aid for schools, which is now at the highest level ever. And this year, we also doubled our investment in mental health services, and increased funding for special education by the largest amount in state history. Plus, schools all across the state are safer thanks to the \$100 million we dedicated to school safety measures.

We have some of the best schools in the nation, and you cannot get there without quality teachers, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers, and all school leaders and staff for helping to mold our children into the leaders of tomorrow.

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