

Speaker of the Wisconsin State Assembly

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## Statement: Response to Governor's Call for Increased Mental Health Funding

**Madison**...Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) released the following statement after Governor Evers publicly called for more mental health funding and resources in schools.

"After the governor vetoed tens of millions in mental health funding in the state budget, it's good that he's starting to see the error in his ways and is open to working on the real problem. It's our hope that he will allow legislative Democrats to vote their conscience, approve additional mental health funding and override his budget vetoes."

"Republicans have led the way in expanding mental health treatment opportunities in schools over the past several budgets. The current spending plan doubles the funding for student mental health programs. Last budget, we invested \$100 million in school safety grants, which included mental health training in schools."

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