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Wisconsin -- CSforWI, a coalition of 70 organizations from across the state applauds Gov. Tony Evers' allocation of \$750,000 for K-12 computer science teacher training in his proposed budget.

"This is a crucial step toward ensuring that all Wisconsin schools have equitable access to computer science education," said Sean Roberts, a CSforWI organizer and Wisconsin-based Vice President at Code.org, a national organization that seeks to expand access to computer science education opportunities for all students.

CSforWI, a burgeoning movement with 70 members, was formed in 2019 as a community effort to highlight the need to dramatically increase CS education efforts in order to keep Wisconsin competitive.

Computer science is a fast-growing field that is critical to Wisconsin's economy and education system. It is driving everything from the way our mobile phones and video games work to the processes behind important industrial and national defense products and systems.

There are 6,953 open computing jobs in Wisconsin, yet just 52% of its high schools offer computer science classes, according to Code.org's calculations.

In 2018 Wisconsin colleges and universities only graduated two new teachers prepared to teach computer science.

“There’s no reason Wisconsin can’t be a national leader in computer science education,” said David Trotter, a CSforWI member and Founder of Neenah-based Winnebago Seed Fund. “This is a great step toward putting us on that pathway.”

Funding K-12 computer science teacher training builds on the creation in 2019 of a School of Computer, Data and Information Sciences (CDIS) at UW-Madison, the state’s flagship university.

“Computer science education is a bipartisan issue that everyone can agree about.” said Kathleen Gallagher, a CSforWI member and Executive Director of 5 Lakes Institute, a non-profit that works to improve the technological and entrepreneurial environment in the Great Lakes region. “By funding computer science teacher training Wisconsin is funding its younger generation’s ability to compete and achieve economic prosperity in the modern world.”

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