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Rep. Duchow Responds to Disparity in K-12 Funding

Madison, WI – Rep. Cindi Duchow (R-Delafield) released the following statement in response to the recent influx of funding to Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) compared to other K-12 school districts throughout the state:

“The disparities in the amount of funding received by school districts statewide to fight COVID-19 are inexcusable. There is no reason why most of Wisconsin’s school districts are left with scraps, while MPS continues to receive the bulk of the K-12 funding in this state.

“In real dollar terms, MPS has received over \$292 million in COVID-19 relief from various federal relief programs, while a school district like Kettle Moraine has received less than \$350,000. Broken down on a per student basis, MPS has received over \$4100 per student compared to \$96 for Kettle Moraine.

“While Title I is a vital tool used to close the achievement gaps of all children, allocating COVID-19 relief funding on that basis ignores the considerable costs incurred by many school districts, especially those that have continued in-person instruction. This pandemic has impacted all students, families and school districts in the state, and the large disparity in aid from the federal government is alarming.

“I look forward to working with my colleagues in the legislature to ensure future COVID-19 relief funding benefits districts statewide. I call on Governor Evers to focus any discretionary K-12 COVID-19 relief funding on providing assistance to school districts that have continued with in-person learning, not just those in urban areas.”

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Representative Duchow represents the 99th Assembly District which includes the communities of Chenequa, Delafield, Dousman, Hartland, Merton, Nashotah, Oconomowoc Lake, Ottawa, and Wales; and portions of Genesee, North Prairie, Oconomowoc, and Summit.