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## Rep. Murphy's Reaction to Governor Evers' State of the State Address

**MADISON, WI** – State Representative Dave Murphy (R-Greenville) made the following statement after Governor Evers' 2023 State of the State Address:

“After hearing Governor Evers' State of the State address, I wish I could say I could work with the Governor and agree with him on his agenda, but it will be difficult because so much of it is bad for Wisconsin. Instead, we need to focus on the day-to-day issues that matter to Wisconsinites.”

“First, we all know education is important, but we can't just keep spending money without expecting results. Schools can't expect increased funding without expecting to show increased achievement. We're all in favor of funding success, but when two-thirds of our kids can't read at grade level that's unacceptable.”

“Next, we need to get a handle on the growing crime crisis in Wisconsin. Last week the State Assembly took a step in that direction. We passed a resolution that gives judges the tools they need to keep violent offenders behind bars and keep your families safe. The resolution would amend Wisconsin's constitution to give judges more discretion when they set bail. That resolution will be on the April ballot and, if you pass it, it will go into effect. This will allow you to pass common sense law and order reform without the Governor vetoing it.”

“Finally, we also passed a resolution that addresses welfare fraud and abuse. On the April ballot you will also see a referendum question that asks whether childless, able-bodied adults should be required to look for work in order to receive welfare benefits. There are literally thousands of open jobs in Wisconsin, and this will help move people off welfare and back into the workforce. It's not right for hard-working Wisconsinites to pay benefits to people who are capable of working, but just refuse to do so.”

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