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Blank Checks OK for Campaign Donors, but not our Public School Children

MADISON – While speaking before the Joint State Education Convention last Friday, Governor Walker commented that Wisconsin must do more for our public schools, “but not with a blank check.” Rep. Chris Taylor (D-Madison) issued the following statement:

“When it came to padding their campaign coffers, Governor Walker and legislative Republicans had no problem holding out their hands for blank checks and unlimited campaign contributions from corporations and billionaires. Instead of investing in the future of our state and our 871,000 public school children, Governor Walker and legislative Republicans clearly revealed their real concern is protecting their own political careers by further opening up our elections systems to more secret, dark money.

“Since taking office, Governor Walker and legislative Republicans have cut \$2 BILLION from our public schools, UW System and technical colleges, losing focus on what our state truly needs including creating jobs, which requires a consistent and stable investment in our public education system. Additionally, Governor Walker and legislative Republicans were more than happy to throw unlimited amounts of money to their campaign donors through WEDC to wastefully spend on items like luxury cars. After months of criticism and all-time low polling numbers, Governor Walker and legislative Republicans are throwing pennies at our public schools in attempt to save face.

“Apparently, what’s good for the goose, isn’t good for the gander. When it came to protecting their own jobs, blank checks were a-ok. When it comes to protecting our kids and investing in their future – Republicans have reminded us they’re only concerned about themselves.”

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