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Representative Kitchens Statement on Rural K-12 Schools Announcement

Madison—Representative Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following statement regarding Governor Walker’s ‘Every Student Matters’ budget proposal:

“This morning Governor Scott Walker announced the details of his ‘Every Student Matters’ budget proposal. In this proposal Governor Walker has made a commitment to support Wisconsin’s rural schools. I am very pleased to see the Governor has made rural schools a priority in this upcoming budget.

“Rural schools often face challenges that other schools don’t. While serving as President of the Sturgeon Bay School Board, I became very familiar with the challenges rural schools face. Rural or suburban, all students deserve the same outstanding education that Wisconsin educators provide. I thank the Governor for his leadership on this issue.

“As Vice-Chair of the Assembly Committee on Education, and Chair of the Assembly Committee on Children and Families, I look forward to working with my colleagues to continue to tackle the unique hurdles that rural schools face.”

The ‘Every Student Matters’ budget proposal includes: increased sparsity aid, increased transportation aid, increased broadband investment, increased opportunity to recruit and retain teachers, increased flexibility through school district shared services, and increased investment for FAB LABs. For more information regarding specifics of the proposal please click [here](#).

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