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## **Governor Evers Invests in Wisconsin's Future Workforce**

MILWAUKEE — The Southeastern Wisconsin Schools Alliance (SWSA) commends Governor Tony Evers as he advances an education budget that invests in Wisconsin's future workforce.

Governor Evers' budget proposal outlines a package of recommendations that provide a sound educational framework to support the needs of students and provide the greatest opportunity for children across the state.

SWSA appreciates Governor Evers' education proposal to support Wisconsin's future workforce, as it:

- Addresses components in the current funding system to provide a comprehensive, predictable and sustainable funding system to support all public school children.
- Increases state support for the most vulnerable, underrepresented and high-need populations, including students with disabilities, children in high poverty and bilingual language learners.
- Increases support to ensure adequate resources are available to address children's mental health needs, early childhood challenges and other key areas.
- Provides taxpayers with a transparent and valid accountability system for all publicly funded schools.

SWSA looks forward to working with the Legislature to pass a budget that will continue to make Wisconsin a leader in workforce development. The business of educating Wisconsin's future workforce is ongoing and does not stop to wait for a budget to pass.

Governor Evers' budget proposal was grounded in the latest research and findings. These include the following:

- A year long examination by the Blue Ribbon Commission on School Funding. This 16-member commission—consisting of nine legislators and seven individuals who hold leadership positions in the education field—held eight public hearings across Wisconsin and [identified key recommendations](#) to better meet the needs of children.
- The [No Time to Lose Report](#), issued by the National Council of State Legislatures, delineates research-based, world-class best practices which ensure high-quality education systems and build a strong workforce for the future. This report and its findings were referenced frequently during the Blue Ribbon Commission hearings.
- The most recent [Marquette University Law School poll](#) indicated significant support for increasing funding on K-12 public schools, as well as overwhelming support (73 percent) for an increase in state aid for special education.

SWSA will continue advocating for all children in the state of Wisconsin. We look forward to partnering with the legislature in developing our state's future workforce.

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*The Southeastern Wisconsin Schools Alliance (SWSA) is a consortium of 32 K-12 school districts educating approximately 25 percent of Wisconsin's public school children. Membership in SWSA consists of both school district superintendents and school board members, dedicated to advocating for the benefit of all students by driving education policies supporting strong public schools to ensure world-class practices, economic vitality and community well-being.*