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WILL Responds to Governor Evers' Budget Address

K-12 Education Spending

"Wisconsin is simply not getting a quality return on investment for all of its spending on traditional public schools. We spend too much and yet have some of the worst racial achievement gaps in the country and struggling urban and rural public schools.

"The legislature should carefully scrutinize Governor Evers' massive spending plans. Our [analysis](#) indicates that Evers' plan is unlikely to lead to improved academic performance for students. Instead, policymakers should focus on smarter spending, targeting schools and programs that work and expanding access to high-performing public charter and private choice schools."

Will Flanders, Ph.D., Research Director, recent author of [Truth in Spending](#)

School Choice

"Governor Evers has doubled down on politics, siding with special interests over low-income children. His budget would freeze the growth of the highest performing schools in Milwaukee and some of the best in the state. Governor Evers is putting himself in front of the schoolhouse doors, telling low-income children that they cannot go to the best schools."

CJ Szafir, Executive Vice President

Medicaid Expansion

"The cost of Medicaid expansion is staggering and represents a misguided policy choice that would burden hard-working Wisconsin families already struggling with the cost of healthcare.

"The way to contain healthcare costs and expand access to healthcare is not to move more Wisconsinites from private health insurance to a government run healthcare program. It is only through market forces, competition, price transparency, and increased variety through deregulation that healthcare costs will decrease and access will be widespread."

Will Flanders, Research Director

Right to Work

“Governor Evers wants to force people to accept and pay for something that some do not want. His anti-freedom agenda takes Wisconsin backwards and also puts Wisconsin at a massive competitive disadvantage to attract businesses when compared to other Midwestern states.”

CJ Szafir, Executive Vice President

Non-partisan Redistricting Reform

“As the former Government Accountability Board proved, just because something is labeled non-partisan, doesn’t mean the staff and body will act accordingly. If anything, the partisan bias will be masked from the public. Governor Evers’ plan creates an end-run around more than a century of precedent and takes power away from the people of Wisconsin in order to give it to an unelected and unaccountable commission.”

Lucas Vebber, Deputy Counsel

Minimum Markup

“As policymakers look for solutions that help families, repealing the minimum markup law is an easy way to cut prices at the grocery store, gas station, or the pharmacy. This is a commonsense, bipartisan idea that could immediately put more money back into the pockets of hard-working Wisconsinites all over the state.

“Kudos to Governor Evers for reaching out to free-market, fiscal conservatives to find common ground. But the minimum mark-up law should be fully repealed - not just for gasoline - and it should not be contingent on a tax increase.”

Collin Roth, Director of Communications and Policy Analyst

