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**ICYMI: Gov. Walker's Sparsity Aid Investment has Wisconsin Working for All Families**

*Gov. Walker: "Every student matters, no matter his or her zip code."*

[Madison, Wis.] – In case you missed it, Governor Scott Walker signed into law bipartisan legislation to increase Sparsity Aid for rural communities – highlighting his commitment to ensuring that every child in Wisconsin receives a quality education, regardless of zip code.

Gov. Walker's bipartisan Sparsity Aid investment follows his already historic K-12 investment – made possible by his bold reforms that balanced the state budget – with \$200 more per student this year and \$204 more per student next year, more actual dollars than ever before. Governor Walker's bold reforms are preparing students to enter our world-renowned workforce and ensuring that Wisconsin is working for all students and families.

Read more from Wisconsin Public Radio [here](#) or find excerpts below:

***ICYMI: Walker Signs Rural School Funding Bill***

*By Shawn Johnson*

*Wisconsin Public Radio*

Low-spending school districts in Wisconsin would be allowed to increase property taxes without voter approval under a measure signed into law Monday by Gov. Scott Walker.

Right now, the most frugal school districts can spend up to \$9,100 per student from a combination of state and local funding. The law Walker signed Monday would increase that to \$9,400.

The new law would also increase what's known as "sparsity aid" for rural school districts with low enrollment from \$300 to \$400. That change would cost state government roughly \$6.5 million next

year.

"It shouldn't matter where you live, it shouldn't matter how big or small your community is," Walker said at a bill signing ceremony at Riverdale High School in Muscoda. "Every student in this state should have access to a great education." ...

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