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Joint Finance Republicans Pass Pro-Kid Budget *Committee approves large increase for K-12 education funding*

Madison - Today, Republicans on the Joint Committee on Finance approved an education budget that builds on our current historic investment. Rep. Mark Born (Beaver Dam) released the following statement after the 11-4 party line vote:

“The education budget that passed today is pro-kid,” says Rep. Mark Born. “I continue to hear from constituents across my district that strong schools are important to them, and this budget prioritizes our education system with historic levels of funding.”

Education is the largest funded program in the general fund, and this \$500 million increase brings total state support to \$12 billion. The \$200 per pupil increase in the first year, and \$204 in the second year directs more money into the classroom. In addition, the plan includes a \$100 million increase in special education funding, and a significant increase in funding for student mental health services.

“Every budget I have voted on since taking office has included additional investments in our schools. The vote today further solidifies education as a top priority for me and my republican colleagues. Our goal is to ensure that students, regardless of zip code, have access to world-class education in their communities.”

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