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Rep. Thiesfeldt Stands for Education

Madison – Today, State Representative Jeremy Thiesfeldt (R-Fond du Lac,) Chair of the Assembly Education Committee, lauded the K-12 education package passed on Thursday by the Joint Finance Committee (JFC).

“Unlike the proposal by Governor Evers, the JFC has produced a fiscally responsible plan addressing every major issue for which the Governor has advocated,” said Rep Thiesfeldt. “This plan provides appropriate levels of funding to provide our schools with the tools necessary to advance education in our state.”

The education plan, proposed and passed by Republicans with no Democrat support, is highlighted by the following provisions:

- Provides an additional \$200 per student in 2019-20 and \$404 in 2020-21 on top of current funding
- Boosts low-revenue districts from a minimum \$9700/pupil to \$10,000/pupil in combined state and local revenue
- Creates a floor of \$1000/student in state assistance to all districts
- Adds nearly \$100 million to special education assistance, nearly a 20% increase
- Increases mental health assistance by \$12.5 million
- Provides \$2 million in incentives to attract teachers to rural areas
- Adds additional transportation assistance of \$1.6 million to primarily rural schools
- Special Olympics programs receive a 33.3% increase

“This commitment to solid education funding is good news for all of our state’s schools,” stated Rep. Thiesfeldt. “It is important to the voters I serve that their children and grandchildren are provided with a well-balanced education with a variety of choices. I encourage Gov. Evers to support this plan.”

The JFC continues its work in crafting the budget in the coming weeks, with the goal of presenting the plan to the State Assembly and the State Senate for a vote sometime in late June.

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