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ICYMI: Gov. Walker Interview With John Mercure “I Have Never Been More Optimistic About The Future Of This State”

Governor and First Lady talk about serving hard-working Wisconsin families, express confidence in our future

[Madison, Wis.] - In case you missed it, on Tuesday Governor Scott Walker and First Lady Tonette Walker were on WTMJ Community Conversation hosted by John Mercure to discuss their love of public service, fighting for hard-working Wisconsin families, the state budget, and Wisconsin's Top 10 rankings on various measures of jobs and education.

You can watch the full interview [here](#) and check out highlights from the conversation below:

On Top 10 Wisconsin

“We’re in the top 10 on ACT scores,” Governor Walker said. “We’re in the top 10 on high school graduation rates. We’re in the top 10 in terms of health care systems. We’re in the top 10 for access to health care. We’re in the top 10 for reducing the tax burden and having our pension system funded. We are doing so well in so many areas and when you have more people employed than ever before. But when I think about whether it’s here in Milwaukee or across the state I want to make sure that everyone is a part of that success, that everyone is a part of that prosperity.”

On participating in Badger Boys State and Boys Nation

“The veterans and the teachers that were a part of that I think completely changed my perspective both at Ripon College here in Wisconsin and when we went out to our nation’s capital,” Governor Walker said. “My eyes were opened. I saw the wonders of public service.”

On listening to Wisconsin taxpayers

Mrs. Walker said, "No one works harder than Scott to listen to the people of Wisconsin. ... Both Scott and I all day long are with the people of Wisconsin ... it's about all the things going on in the state."

On transportation funding

Governor Walker said, "When it comes to transportation, I do believe we need a good transportation system, but to me, we can do it without a tax increase. I put more in the local ways to fix roads and bridges and potholes than ever before. I put more into fixing state highways than ever before."

On not raising taxes in the state budget

Governor Walker said, "For all the hard-working people in the state, for the senior citizens, working families, small business owners, now is not the time to raise taxes whether it's on gas, property or anything else."

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