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## **Education Dept. Confirms, WI GOP Throwing Away \$1.5 Billion in Federal Aid for Education**

**MADISON, WI**—After reaching out to the Department of Education to ask whether the state GOP’s insufficient education budget proposal would disqualify Wisconsin from receiving \$1.5 billion in federal COVID aid, **Congressman Mark Pocan (WI-02)** received confirmation that Wisconsin would lose the federal aid if they move forward with the GOP’s budget proposal. Congressman Pocan released the following statement and [shared the Department of Education’s letter](#) sent to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and Governor Tony Evers.

“The GOP majority in the state legislature is playing budgetary games that will cost Wisconsin taxpayers at least \$1.5 billion in federal aid for state schools. The Department of Education has confirmed that Wisconsin Republicans are on track to ensure that our state loses out on billions in aid to students, schools, colleges & universities. It’s time for the Republican-led legislature to stop playing games, fund education like they are supposed to, and use billions in additional federal aid to help Wisconsin get out of this COVID downturn. Anything less is insufficient.”

See the full letter from the Department of Education [here](#).

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