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**ICYMI: Scott Walker Op-Ed Lays Out Agenda to Help Wisconsin Win the 21st Century**  
*Governor's successes build on reforms in health care, workforce development, education, and efforts to end opioid and illegal drug abuse*

[Madison, Wis.] – Governor Scott Walker has kept and delivered on his promises to enact bold reform. Now, to keep our state moving forward, the governor is spreading the word about his agenda to build on that success and help Wisconsin win the 21st century.

In an op-ed published Sunday, Gov. Walker highlights the positive things Wisconsin's bold reforms have accomplished in the state – all-time-low unemployment, more people working than ever before, historic investments in education, and more. The governor stresses the importance of protecting our reforms and building on our success with his vision for how Wisconsin can be an even better place for hard-working individuals and families. Scott Walker continues to move the state forward – and he's laying out an optimistic vision for how we can help Wisconsin win the 21st century.

Read more from Scott Walker in the Wisconsin State Journal [here](#) or find excerpts below:

***Together, we can keep Wisconsin moving forward***

*By Scott Walker*

*Wisconsin State Journal*

Tonette and I are proud that our two sons – Matt and Alex – are living and working here in Wisconsin. Like many parents, our American Dream is not about owning a company or even a house, it's seeing our children do well and – ideally – living close to home. That's why Tonette and I are thrilled that our sons live and have careers close to us. We want that for other families, too. ...

Looking ahead, we have a plan to make Wisconsin one of the best states for millennials and for retirees and everyone in between. We call it “Wisconsin Wins the 21st Century.” ...

With record-low unemployment at 2.8 percent and more people employed than ever before, we need to get more people into the workforce. Our current state budget puts more actual dollars into schools than ever before – an extra \$200 per student this school year and another \$204 per student on top of that in the fall. We already have one of the best high school graduation rates in the nation, but I want Wisconsin to be No. 1 in the country.

We want to enable all those who are able to be in the workforce. That means increasing the percentage of people working in Wisconsin. Today, we are at 68.9 percent – which is in the top 5 states in America. Moving forward, we need to equip people with the skills needed to succeed. In addition to education and training, we will require every able-bodied, working-age adult to work – and be able to pass a drug test – to get public assistance.

Since Washington has failed to repeal and replace Obamacare, we will lead. Our bipartisan plan will help lower health care premiums and increase choice in the marketplace for coverage. Our plan calls for covering pre-existing conditions so no one with cancer or any other serious disease or ailment is without coverage. And we will seek to make SeniorCare – the program to help make prescription drugs more affordable for seniors – a permanent program so people like my parents don't have to worry.

Further, our plan calls for comprehensive action so Wisconsin can have one of the largest reductions in opioid and illegal drug addiction of any state in the country. No person or family should have to go through the devastation of addiction. We want to help those suffering in our state and get them healthy again.

And to aid more families across Wisconsin, our plan calls for lowering the tax burden on middle class taxpayers. That's on top of our \$8 billion in tax relief through the end of this budget – lower property and income taxes in 2018 than in 2010. ...

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