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K-12 Budget Plan:

- Puts an additional \$514 million in the general aid formula, while implementing State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers' Fair Funding proposal, and ensures equal treatment of all districts.
- Retains the Governor's \$200/\$204 per pupil aid increases for all districts.
- Restores funding lost under restrictions Republicans placed on low-spending districts in 2011, and increases funding for historically low spending districts beyond the Assembly Republican K-12 budget proposal.
- Increases special education funding for the first time in nearly a decade by close to \$90 million.
- Supports rural schools with sparsity aid that funds the actual cost (is sum sufficient).
- Restores \$500 million in local revenue authority so districts can use the increased state funding for actual classroom instruction.
- Allows local taxpayers to decide via referendum if they want local tax dollars shifted to unaccountable voucher schools as they are now.
- Allows local communities to put in place school safety plans, save tax dollars with energy efficient projects, and combat alcohol and other drug abuse outside of spending limits.
- Reduces property taxes statewide by increasing state support for schools. Compared to the Governor's plan, Dem plan cuts property taxes by \$25 million more.

THESE AND OTHER PROVISIONS IN THE DEMOCRATIC MOTION REPRESENT A NEARLY \$730 MILLION INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION BEYOND GOVERNOR WALKER'S BUDGET.