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Governor's Partial Vetoes Harm Northern Wisconsin

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Madison, WI – This morning, Governor Tony Evers signed the 2021-23 biennial budget that the Legislature crafted and passed with bipartisan support, but he used his partial veto pen to eliminate and alter some key provisions. Sen. Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) reacted to the Governor's vetoes:

“I watched Governor Evers’ press conference this morning with an unsettling mixture of hope and distrust, prepared for inevitable disappointment. While I am pleasantly surprised the Governor was able to stomach a tax cut crafted by Republican legislators, despite asking for a tax increase in his own budget, it quickly became clear that he wasn’t going to pass up the opportunity to use his veto pen to hurt Northern Wisconsin again, just as he did in the last budget.”

The Legislature’s budget included a \$3.4 billion tax cut for the hardworking people of Wisconsin. In comparison, Governor Evers’ original budget proposal had an increase of \$1 billion in taxes. Through line-item veto authority, he removed one provision that would have provided relief in every paycheck – instead you will see that money through your refunds during tax season.

“As I’ve mentioned before, Wisconsinites know how to spend their hard-earned tax dollars much more efficiently than the state. While I’d rather see this return of over-collected dollars come back to the people in every single paycheck, I’d be remiss if I didn’t applaud the Governor for returning these funds back to the people who deserve them.”

Another veto by the Governor was one-time funding intended for Lakeland STAR Academy, a school in Minocqua that specializes in providing students with autism and special needs with an education centered around teaching them self-reliance, independence, and confidence in their abilities.

“When Governor Evers vetoes education funding for children with autism, it is easy to forget that he was in charge of supporting all of Wisconsin’s children for years as State Superintendent. This veto is illogical, hurtful, and unkind, but somehow not surprising. My Northwoods colleagues and I will continue to fight for the children of northern Wisconsin, despite Governor Evers standing in our way.”

Even though this bipartisan budget received more legislative votes than any other budget in a generation, the Governor vetoed [fifty provisions](#) that would have helped Wisconsinites across the state.

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