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## **Wisconsin Joint Finance Committee Expands School Choice Opportunities**

The American Federation for Children would like to commend the Joint Finance Committee on their vote to provide record funding increases to education. The budget motion approved today with a 12-4 vote will equally increase per pupil funding for public, private and charter schools.

Additionally, the motion raises the income eligibility cap on the Wisconsin Parental Choice program from 185% to 220% and expands statewide independent charter school authorizers to include the Office of Educational Opportunity, any UW Chancellor and any technical college district board.

"This budget increases educational opportunities for parents across the state," said Justin Moralez of the American Federation for Children.

"While these improvements are a step in the right direction and will provide choices to more families, AFC will continue to advocate for the working class families across the state that this proposal still neglects. All across the country, school choice supporters are advancing bold initiatives that enhance quality educational opportunities. We hope that going forward, Wisconsin will once again reclaim their position as an education reform leader" noted Moralez.

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