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Setting the Record Straight on The DPI Budget Citations

After a week of terrible stories on Scott Walker's health care plans, outspoken cabinet members, and dwindling re-election prospects, Walker has resorted to recycling tired political attacks. When Tony was alerted to the missing citations in a few portions of the Department of Instruction's budget justifications, he took action and instructed his staff to fix the oversight.

Perhaps Walker should have spent more time actually reading Tony's budget and less time combing it for his political hit pieces. The budget includes a \$1.4 billion investment into our kids to combat Walker's \$800 million cuts to our schools during his tenure. Tony's budget includes:

- Returning to 2/3 state funding without raising property taxes after more than one million Wisconsinites have had to raise their own taxes over the past eight years to pay for local schools
- An unprecedented \$600 million in special education
- Expanding programs to address the achievement gap in Wisconsin's five largest school districts
- An additional \$60 million for school mental health funding, a tenfold increase
- Expanding all-day 4-k programs statewide

Here was the campaign's statement on the issue:

"After a week flailing on pre-existing conditions and a fourth former secretary accusing him of putting himself before Wisconsin, the Walker campaign is grasping at straws. Scott Walker began his term cutting \$800 million from our K-12 schools and Tony is putting in \$1.4 billion more in this year's budget because he believes every kid deserves a quality education every year, not just in election years."

Meanwhile Scott Walker has a long history of lifting ideas from the Koch brothers and their allies - and even sometimes Tony.

- For example, just last week when he [borrowed](#) Tony's plan for 2/3 state funding because Walker had no education plan of his own, which, by the way, still doesn't have any additional details for how he intends to pay for his proposal
- Like the numerous pieces of legislation he and his GOP counterparts in the Legislature have passed and touted during Walker's tenure taken verbatim from ALEC
 - <https://www.prwatch.org/news/2011/07/10880/alec-bills-wisconsin>
 - <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/feb/23/wisconsin-right-to-work-bill-scott-walker-alec>

- Or when Walker was accused of plagiarizing Donald Trump
 - <https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/trump-accuses-walker-plagiarism-joel-gehrke/>
- Or when Walker wants to take credit for his predecessor's accomplishments and ideas
 - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/rickungar/2011/04/25/governor-scott-walker-caught-in-political-plagiarism/#6ad075484af9>
- Or when Walker touted an endorsement he didn't receive by plagiarizing an endorsement from a previous election
 - https://madison.com/ct/news/local/writers/jessie-opoien/scott-walker-s-campaign-site-touts-pro-life-wisconsin-endorsement/article_a216217d-53f0-520c-b035-2c3bce48e266.html

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