Democrats continue their misguided attacks on School Choice.

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Madison, WI - State Representative Janel Brandtjen (R- Menomonee Falls) issued the following statement regarding the financial effects of the school choice program on Wisconsin's schools.

"Yesterday my colleague in the assembly Sondy Pope (D- Mt Horeb) issued a press release that was at best misleading. She stated that the school voucher program will cost over $800 million over the next decade. A student in public school costs $10,000 to $14,000 a year. A voucher school costs under $8,000. Not only do taxpayers save money, the savings are spread to all our school districts.

School District	Savings 2007 - 08	Savings 2014 - 15
New Glarus	$115,315	$86,966
Montello	$52,596	$120,239
Oregon	$574,583	$451,113
Mt. Horeb	$325,152	$227,720
Verona	$872,011	$683,355
Total	$1,939,657.00	$1,569,393.00

Since the school choice program has been in place, school districts have received millions of dollars that they would not have otherwise received. To illustrate this point, the legislative Fiscal Bureau (LFB) has produced two memos that tell the story. The first memo released in 2008 shows data for the 2007 – 08 school year. Five districts in Rep. Pope's district received an extra $1,939,657.00, which is for one year. The second memo shows the amounts from the 2014-15 school year. This helps to illustrate that school districts across the state have saved hundreds of millions of dollars. Representative Pope may want to rethink her unfounded opposition to the voucher program."

State Representative Janel Brandtjen.