



Letters: Find fair funding for our schools

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As we begin a new year, we also begin another challenging budget debate in the state government.

All too frequently we focus on what is "broken" in our government and schools and forget to talk about what works as well.

I am proud to live and work in our great state of Wisconsin where more than 98,000 educators, like me, work diligently each day to provide the best service for all of Wisconsin's children.

It is no secret that school districts all over the state are facing steep declines in funding and it forcing us to cut off vital services just to keep our doors open and our staff employed. Bottom line, even in these difficult economic times, we need to look at the way we fund our schools.

State Superintendent Tony Evers has created a thoughtful plan that directs state investments in schools to where they are needed most. It recognizes the importance of small-town schools like ours, brings transparency to state aid for schools, and would result in lower property taxes for 93 percent of Wisconsin communities while increasing school funding.

For more information on the Mr. Evers' plan, I invite you to view it for yourself at www.fairfundingforourfuture.org.

We have long been known as a community that cares about our schools. Now it is time we let our elected officials know we support changing the school funding formula.

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