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Editorial: The Public's Schools

This editorial agenda item has at its core the lack of a statewide consensus on the fundamental mission of our public schools.

But make no mistake, that void is compounded by an outdated and unworkable funding formula of winners and losers that discourages real talk about kids and learning. So we were very excited to hear state Department of Public Instruction Superintendent Tony Evers proposal for reform of the state's funding formula when he met with our editorial board.

It is not easy. It asks our state lawmakers to make a choice to put more money into public education. But we believe it would do what it promises, add fairness, transparency and support for every child in the system. It's the boldest and most comprehensive proposal we've seen in decades and its right that it comes from Evers. It looks like its getting a serious initial response. It warrants that and more.

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