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*Assembly Dems Release **Save Our Schools** Proposal*

School funding counter-proposal pays down debt while preserving commitment to public education

MADISON – Rep. Kelda Helen Roys (D–Madison) issued the following statement on the Assembly Democrats’ proposal to address our current fiscal challenges while preserving Wisconsin’s commitment to public education:

“The non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau recently released updated revenue projections that increase the state’s coffers by \$636 million over the next three years. Assembly Democrats’ *Save Our Schools* initiative dedicates \$376 million of these funds to public schools and technical colleges, while paying down state debt that has been ignored by the Republican majority.

“Governor Walker and Assembly Republicans have manufactured an aura of fiscal crisis to create a political justification for abandoning quality public education for Wisconsin children. The truth is, however, we have choices – as our *Save Our Schools* proposal demonstrates.

“These updated revenue projections give us the opportunity to prove that we support public education instead of taxpayer-funded vouchers for wealthy kids to attend private suburban schools. I invite Assembly Republicans to change course by prioritizing their constituents instead of the interests of wealthy campaign donors.

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“*Save Our Schools* allocates \$200 million to repay the Injured Patients’ Compensation Fund and reduces debt restructuring by \$100 million to help put Wisconsin’s fiscal house in order. The proposal implements parts of State Superintendent Tony Evers’ Fair Funding proposal, while holding harmless every district from cuts. Finally, the proposal eliminates the expansion of vouchers included in Scott Walker’s budget, saving the state \$40 million.

“We can take steps now to lower property taxes while maintaining our investment in public education. There is only one reason that Assembly Republicans wouldn’t accept this fiscally responsible proposal to help schools in their districts, and that is to appease out-of-state special interest groups. I hope my colleagues on the other side of the aisle will put the interests of their constituents over campaign contributions.”

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