

# WISCONSIN BUDGET PROPOSAL

## Expand Crucial Student Supports



### Dynamic Learning Environment

Preparing students for the modern world means providing a variety of opportunities and experiences. The department's 2019-21 budget will **double** funding for robotics leagues and increase support for gifted and talented programming. Districts will be allowed **more flexibility** with gifted and talented funds alongside program changes to reach underserved populations. The budget also seeks an increase in state dollars for Very Special Arts, Special Olympics, and public library system aid.

### Building Language Skills

Students who speak multiple languages benefit educationally and are favored candidates for many careers. Unfortunately, state support for English learners has been shrinking as demand grows. The department is proposing to increase the rate of reimbursement for Bilingual-Bicultural Aid from **8 percent to 30 percent** by 2021. The proposal creates a new program to better serve all English learners and seeks an increase for the imperative Tribal Language Revitalization grants.



### Healthy Schools and Communities

Access to healthy food is essential for student achievement. The department's budget requests **full funding** of the School Breakfast Program and Wisconsin's School Day Milk Program. The department is also proposing a revenue limit exemption for schools to **identify and fix** lead contamination issues within their buildings, allowing individual communities to test and address water quality in a manner that best fits their needs.

