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## State Budget Raises Concerns for Public School Officials

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The Wisconsin Assembly State Budget Debate begins Tuesday. Democrats in the State Legislature are calling on moderate republicans to join with them in voting against the budget.

At least one republican says he would be voting against it, but at least 10 other republicans would have to join with democrats in the senate to stop passage of the budget there.



One piece of the State budget that could have an impact on your family is the funding of public schools.

The budget proposal would greatly reduce the amount of money the state gives to public schools. Public school administrators say it will negatively affect the quality of education, class sizes, and even how your kids eat lunch.

“A large number of students participating in our program qualify for free or reduced lunch,” explains Nancy Cedar, the out of school programming coordinator for the Wausau School District, “so what I fear is just that some of the things we now have would go away. Or they would be less frequent or they may have to become more fee based.”

Nancy says if the budget passes as is, the Wausau Public School District would have to look at their budget for after schools and summer activities, and possibly make some cuts.

That would affect after school and summer programs for public school students, and some private school students that use those resources.

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