

Investing in Public Education



Increasing Special Education Funding

With rising costs of special education services, Governor Tony Evers' budget proposal incorporates State Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly's recommendation for a significant increase in the special education reimbursement rate. By increasing the rate from about 30% to 60%, school districts will have greater flexibility, helping them maintain the high-quality education all students deserve.



Providing Sustainable Funding to Districts

To address ongoing underfunding by the state legislature, Governor Evers' budget includes critical per-pupil revenue limit increases of \$334 in FY26 and \$345 in FY27, reflecting Dr. Underly's call for sustainable funding. The proposal also sets a new low-revenue ceiling of \$12,400 by FY27, ensuring districts have the resources they need for the future.



Restoring Inflation-Indexed Revenue Limits

In 2009, Wisconsin stopped adjusting revenue limits for inflation, resulting in over a decade of inadequate funding for public education. Governor Evers' budget includes Dr. Underly's call for reversing this trend by restoring annual per-pupil revenue limit adjustments, ensuring school districts can count on consistent and reliable state funding to support Wisconsin students.



Strengthening Early Childhood Education

Early childhood education is a critical factor in improving long-term student success. Dr. Underly's recommendation to count full-day, full-week 4K programs as 1.0 FTE (full-time equivalent) rather than 0.5 FTE is incorporated into Governor Evers' proposal, providing the appropriate funding to support and expand early learning programs across communities.

