

# 2025-2027 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

## Supporting Wisconsin Youth Mental Health



### A Growing Need for Mental Health Support

Recent data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey shows that 59% of Wisconsin high school students have faced mental health challenges within the past year. We have the knowledge and resources to make a meaningful impact and provide the support these students need.



### Expanding Access to Mental Health Services in Schools

Governor Evers' proposal, which incorporates State Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly's provisions, invests \$167.6 million to expand the School-Based Mental Health Services Program. This funding will provide each district or independent charter school with \$100 per pupil (\$100,000 minimum for small districts), enabling schools to strengthen their capacity to support students and families in need of mental health services.



### Increasing School Mental Health Staffing

To better meet student needs, the proposal builds on existing law by making school counselors, psychologists, and nurses eligible for reimbursement alongside school social workers. This investment helps ensure schools have a full range of support staff to assist students' mental health.



### Broadening Mental Health Training

As recommended by Dr. Underly, Governor Evers' proposal increases funding for mental health training programs, broadens the types of training available, and extends these resources to staff working in out-of-school programs. This ensures more educators and school staff are equipped to support students' emotional well-being alongside their academic development.

