

# 2023-2025 STATE BUDGET

## Establishing Strong Foundations of Learning



**Focus on Literacy** Gov. Evers' budget creates a two-pronged approach to improve reading outcomes for Wisconsin students. One effort focuses on evidence-based literacy instructional practices for students in 5K through 12th grade, and a second focuses on early reading instructional transitions from 4K through first grade. Through a \$20 million investment, school districts will implement comprehensive educator training programs focused on literacy.



**Growing Computer Science Education** With an increase in opportunities and careers in the computer science field, Gov. Evers' budget provides \$10 million to help school districts increase computer science offerings. In addition, the budget requires schools to offer at least one computer science class and creates a Computer Science Education Task Force to discuss new, emerging ways to educate students in the subject.



**Emphasis on Personal Financial Literacy** Gov. Evers' budget provides \$5 million to public school districts and independent charter schools to implement or expand personal financial literacy curriculum and programming.



**Expanding Access to Driver Education** Gov. Evers' budget provides \$5 million to public school districts and independent charter schools to implement or expand personal financial literacy curriculum and programming.



**Grants for Out-of-School Time Programs** Through a \$20 million investment, the budget offers grant opportunities to out-of-school time programs that provide activities, learning support, and supervision or coaching to students in grades kindergarten through 12 before and/or after school.



**Increasing Support of Bilingual Students** Gov. Evers' budget provides more than \$22 million to support Wisconsin's bilingual learners. Through a funding increase to the categorical aid program, the state's support to districts increases reimbursement rates to 15 percent in FY24 and 20 percent in FY25.

