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Evers supports more funds for public school students

MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers called for prioritizing education for public school students in a statement on the unchanged state revenue projections for the 2015-17 state budget.

“Parents, educators, and school and community leaders across Wisconsin are making the case for real investments in our public schools in this state budget. Their voices need to be heard. Seventy-eight percent of Wisconsin citizens recently polled by the Marquette University Law School opposed the \$127 million cut to public schools. I thank the many legislators, of both parties, for their calls to increase state aid for public schools.

“The governor’s proposed budget spends over \$1 billion dollars more than this year. At this point, it is clear legislators need to dig further into the governor’s budget to fulfill their promises to help our local public schools. It is time to prioritize our public schools with increased spending authority, state school aid, and special education aid. Every recent poll of Wisconsin citizens put our public schools as the No. 1 priority for this budget. Let’s make it happen.

“We cannot eliminate achievement gaps, help financially struggling rural schools, increase technical course offerings, and address the increasing needs of our students without additional aids and spending authority. Everything must be on the table, including putting the School Levy Credit into classrooms through school aids and increased revenue limit authority. Asking schools to do more with less is not a sustainable solution for our kids.

“We can do more to serve all our public school students and ensure the next generation is prepared to contribute to our great state and its local communities. We just have to try.”

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