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As Republicans continue to play politics, Democrats fight for public education.

MADISON - Following Tuesday's Wisconsin State Assembly floor session, Rep. Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) released the following statement:



“Today, the Assembly had an opportunity to do what was best for Wisconsin kids by taking action in special session to invest \$550 million in public education, which would restore critical funding that Republicans cut from Governor Evers’ original budget proposal. Education leaders at every level have been clear that our schools need these additional resources because if funding isn’t restored, districts in every corner of the state will be forced to lay off teachers, cut programs, or go to referendum.

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“Assembly Democrats were proud to support more funding in Wisconsin schools, because there is nothing more important than our kids’ future. We strongly disagree with the Speaker that public education funding is a smokescreen. Or that our kids’ future is a smokescreen. Instead of listening to Wisconsin’s school leaders and doing what they should have done from the beginning, Assembly Republicans ignored Gov. Evers’ call to action on education and chose to attempt a veto override, even though they knew their attempt would fail. Assembly Democrats were proud to uphold Gov. Evers’ veto.

“As Wisconsin works to recover from a devastating global pandemic, Republicans have done the bare minimum with respect to the priorities that matter to the people of Wisconsin, including education funding and economic investment. Wisconsin deserves better than Republicans’ perpetual political games.”

State Budget

New K12 Classroom Funding

2011-2013

\$ (901,317,500)

2013-2015

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\$ 248,851,900

2015-2017

\$ 97,640,200

2017-2019

\$ 562,022,000

2019-2021

\$ 608,709,800

2021-2023

\$ 111,943,700

Source: Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau