

Tim Michels Wants to Defund Public Education and Raise Property Taxes

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Radical plan includes a costly universal school choice bill that would drain money from public schools and could increase property taxes by \$577 million.

MADISON, Wis. — Governor Evers [announced](#) Tuesday his plans to make significant investments in education, focusing on literacy programs, school-based mental health, and addressing staff shortages, all while holding the line on property taxes. Tim Michels [responded](#)

by doubling down on his radical education agenda, which includes his support for a costly universal school choice bill, sending taxpayer dollars to unaccountable private institutions instead of neighborhood public schools.

While Gov. Evers plans to use our budget surplus to invest in Wisconsin's public education in order to avoid increasing property taxes, Michels' education plan would drain money from public schools and could [increase](#) property taxes by [\\$577 million](#).

Michels has also said that continuing to fund public education is “[the definition of insanity](#)” and that he would

[consider](#) abolishing Wisconsin's Department of Public Instruction.

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