

K-12 Education Cuts Signals Need for Reinvestment in Our Children's Future

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RHINELANDER, WI – This week marks the one-year anniversary of Scott Walker's budget cuts to Wisconsin's K-12 system. For the third consecutive budgetary session, Gov. Walker and Senate Republicans prioritized funding for unaccountable Milwaukee voucher schools over Wisconsin's starving public schools. As the July 12th anniversary comes and passes, school districts around the Northwoods are still feeling the negative impacts of the cuts.



"There is no question that the misplaced priorities of legislative Republicans have left rural schools behind," said Senate Candidate **Bryan Van Stippen**. "Years of historic Republican budget cuts have created serious challenges for Wisconsin's rural schools and forced many of our local communities to rely on raising property taxes just to keep the lights on. While Wisconsin's millionaires have had their deep pockets padded through irresponsible tax breaks, school districts across the state have been left wondering if any help is around the corner."

"My opponent, Senator Tom Tiffany, voted for the most recent biennium budget that resulted in these cuts. Using his position on the Joint Finance Committee, Senator Tiffany was instrumental in tearing away the very public school funding that his constituents rely upon," Van Stippen continued. "Wisconsinites in the Northwoods place a high value on the quality of their public education, while clearly Senator Tiffany does not."

"If elected, I intend to do everything in my power to reverse this dangerous trend by restoring state support for our public schools. I understand the importance of our K-12 education system and I will prioritize the futures of our children over tax breaks for billionaires. Our students deserve better," Van Stippen concluded.

Bryan Van Stippen is running to represent the 12th Senate District in northern Wisconsin. Residents can learn more about Bryan at: www.vanstippenforsenate.com .

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