Budget prioritizes continued economic recovery, funding for public education, access to affordable healthcare, and a commitment to equity across Wisconsin

MADISON – This evening, Governor Tony Evers gave his second budget address, sharing his fiscal priorities to continue Wisconsin's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and describing how these choices will lay the foundation to increased prosperity and community as we move forward. Assembly Democratic Leader Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) released the following statement on the Governor's address and the biennial budget proposal:

"The 2021-23 state budget must address the reality of operating in the COVID-19 pandemic and make the crucial investments in programs that move the state forward. Tonight, Governor Evers introduced a budget that prioritizes the needs of hard-working Wisconsinites and continues to help Wisconsin's families and small businesses bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic. This budget shows what is possible if we truly prioritize Wisconsin people and Wisconsin communities.

"Governor Evers articulated a progressive plan to invest in Wisconsin's public schools, increase access to affordable health care, spur economic development in every part of our state, and ensure our local government partners have the resources to respond to important needs close to home. He proposed steps to increase Wisconsin's sustainability, continue our commitment to

preserving Wisconsin's natural resources, invest in our agricultural economy, and ensure access to high-speed internet in all parts of the state.

"I look forward to an engaging budget dialogue with my colleagues in the coming months, and I urge them to come to this process with an open mind. Let's listen to our constituents, set aside partisan games, and pass a budget that puts the people of Wisconsin first."