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## Rep. Kessler Opposes Transportation Cuts to Milwaukee Public Schools

MADISON—Representative Fred Kessler (D-Milwaukee) issued the following statement after attending a listening session at the Milwaukee French Immersion School on Tuesday night, relating to the MPS school board's announcement on cutting transportation funding for city-wide schools:

"For decades, city-wide schools such as the Milwaukee German Immersion School, Milwaukee French Immersion School, and the Milwaukee School of Languages have provided students all over the City of Milwaukee, with a unique opportunity to engage in an immersive educational and cultural experience. I urge the MPS school board to continue to provide transportation to those schools.

"Since the 1970's, hundreds of students across the city have relied on bussing as their only means to attend these schools. Without adequate funding, the number of students enrolled in these programs will drop significantly.

"A good K-12 education benefits our students and the community at large. I whole-heartedly support greater funding for our public schools—sadly, the Governor and Legislative Republicans do not share this feeling. I have fought the efforts to cut public education funding since 2011 when the Governor proposed drastic cuts. I, however, will continue to be a tireless advocate for restoring funding for public education."

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