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MADISON - Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt (R-Fond du Lac) talks education investments and test scores.

Hello, I'm Representative Jeremy Thiesfeldt. I serve as Chair of the Assembly Education Committee, and I am a former teacher and principal.

Today, as we assess the state of education in Wisconsin, one thing is clear – we have to do better.

In Wisconsin, we have made record investments in education over the past eight years. We are investing more in K-12 education than ever before, and yet our overall test scores are steadily decreasing. In fact, the vast majority of Wisconsin students cannot even read, write, or do math at grade level.

This is proof of what we already know. More money is not always the best solution, and it's rarely the only solution. We need to re-evaluate our approach and abandon failed methods, particularly in reading.

We must emulate the methods of schools that are effectively employing reading instruction. A child who cannot effectively read, cannot effectively learn, so this is a critical first step.

I encourage parents to join me in supporting historical, science-based methods of education. Study the data, and use the educational options available to choose schools that will teach our young people to read, using proven methods.

Our children's futures depend on it.

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