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Rep. Emerson Supports Governor Evers's Special Session to Invest in Public Schools

Madison –Today, Gov. Tony Evers signed an executive order directing the Legislature to meet in special session next Tuesday, February 11th. Governor Evers called on the Legislature to use \$250 million of surplus revenue to provide more money for public schools, including a recommitment to two-thirds state funding for K-12 education.

State Representative Jodi Emerson (D-Eau Claire) released the following statement in response:

"I am proud to stand with Governor Evers and my colleagues as we work to address the needs of our public education system. The Governor's proposal provides our neighborhood schools with much-needed funds for special education and school-based mental health services, as well as \$10 million in sparsity aid for schools in our rural communities.

Higher-than-expected revenue projections mean we don't need to choose between investing in our schools and reducing property taxes – we can do both. This package provides \$130 million in property tax relief and will reduce the need for communities to go to referendum to raise funds in the future. Supporting our schools today will save taxpayer dollars down the road.

I hope my colleagues in both parties recognize the urgency of this issue and support the Governor's common-sense plan to invest in our kids and in our state's future."

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