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## **SWSA applauds Governor Evers' ability to balance investing in kids with reducing property taxes**

*Governor's plan will invest in critical areas such as supporting students with disabilities, student mental initiatives, supporting rural schools and general K-12 education funding*

MILWAUKEE — The Southeastern Wisconsin Schools Alliance (SWSA) commends Governor Tony Evers' proposal of a comprehensive plan to invest state surplus funds into our public schools and advance educational opportunities for all Wisconsin's public school children.

Governor Evers firmly believes that an investment in opportunities for children is an investment in the future workforce of Wisconsin. His proposal expands access to mental health services, invests in special education for our students with disabilities, renews the state's commitment to two-thirds state funding of public schools, and invests in rural schools through increased sparsity aid.

At the same time that Governor Evers' proposal increases resources and opportunities for all children, it also reduces property taxes.

SWSA will continue advocating for all children in the state of Wisconsin. We applaud the governor's proposal and ask the legislature to take the time to meet with their local school district leaders to understand how it will positively impact children. We look forward to partnering with the legislature and Governor Evers as we continue to invest in and develop our state's future workforce.

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