





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 6, 2020

CONTACT: Meghan Sovey Meghan.Sovey@legis.wi.gov 608-266-8546

## Sen. Smith's Statement on Gov. Evers' Special Session on Education

MADISON – Earlier today, Governor Tony Evers called for a special session on education, renewing his commitment to do what's best for kids in Wisconsin.

Governor Evers' proposal will support public schools across the state by increasing sparsity aid, providing additional special education resources, addressing the teacher shortage, expanding access to mental health services and more.

In response to Governor Evers' call for a special session on education, Senator Jeff Smith (D-Brunswick) issued the following statement:

"Once again, Governor Evers demonstrated his commitment to rural prosperity by introducing critical investments for our rural schools, alongside his plans to support our farmers and agricultural industry. Continuing his lifelong career in the field of education, Evers put forth proposals that prioritize our students and the hardworking teachers and staff in our rural schools. Republicans have an opportunity ahead of them to join Democrats to do what's best for our kids and invest in Wisconsin's future."

Sen. Smith previously served as a member of Governor Doyle's Task Force for Educational Excellence, the Wisconsin Parent Teacher Association Board, the Department of Public Instruction's Parent Leadership Corps and the Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools.

###

The 31st Senate District includes all of Buffalo and Pepin counties and portions of Trempealeau, Pierce, Dunn, Eau Claire and Jackson counties and very small portions of Chippewa and St. Croix counties.