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**Make Public Schools a Priority
Democratic Weekly Radio Address
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Hello, I'm State Representative Sony Pope with this week's Democratic Radio Address.

Governor Evers has said from the beginning that what's best for our kids is what's best for our state.

And he has governed by that value since he was elected.

Last week, the governor called for a special session on public education.

The proposal includes needed funding for special education, sparsity aid, and school-based mental health services.

These critical investments will ensure that all of our students from urban, rural, and suburban areas have access to a high-quality public education.

Since 2011, taxpayers have voted to raise their own taxes to support local schools.

School districts across the state should not have to continue relying on referenda and an increase in their property taxes to ensure their children receive the best education possible.

That's why the governor is proposing an additional \$130 million dollars in equalization aid that will provide needed property tax relief and return our state to the promise of two-thirds funding.

Democrats stand united in supporting the governor's call to make investments in our public schools a priority.

Every student, regardless of economic status, race, gender, or zip code must be given the opportunity to attend a high quality public school.

Thank you.

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