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Rep. Kurtz votes for Wisconsin State Budget

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MADISON – Representative Tony Kurtz (R-Wonewoc) voted in favor of the passage of the 2021-2023 Wisconsin State Budget in the State Assembly.

"I am thrilled to have voted in favor of passage of the state budget. We have made historic investments in our state's priorities. Notably, we have made increased investments in healthcare, education, and transportation, among many other things. We have made a once in a lifetime tax cut that will send money back to the hardworking taxpayers of the state.

"Assembly Republicans believe people know how to spend their money better than the government does. That's why the average family will see a \$1,200 income and property tax cut under the Republican crafted budget.

"We made incredible investments in healthcare facilities and our workforce to make sure the most vulnerable is cared for and there is quality workforce for years to come. We increased Medicaid reimbursement rates for long-term care facilities, dental services, autism, outpatient mental health and substance abuse, physical therapists, and chiropractors, among many others. This will help providers cut down their waitlists for patients.

"Schools in Wisconsin will receive billions in federal aid. On average, school districts in Wisconsin received \$2,890 per pupil from federal funds alone. This is an unprecedented influx of money coming in that can be used for a broad array of programs. We also increased special education and mental health funding. This is something that is very important to school districts across the state and it is important that we support student's well-being.

"This budget provides funding for safe and reliable infrastructure while borrowing less than the Governor proposed and investing more in local roads, and state highway rehabilitation. It also supports over \$125 million in funding for broadband.

"This budget builds on conservative measures enacted over the last 10 years. I am proud to support a budget that invests in the state's priorities and helps the citizens of the 50th Assembly District."