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## **Statement on Governor's Proposed K-12 Funding Increase** **John H. Ashley, WASB Executive Director**

Governor Walker has been saying for months that there would be a significant increase for public schools in his budget proposal and he delivered. This is great news for Wisconsin's 422 public school districts and the students they serve.

The Wisconsin Association of School Board's (WASB) Legislative Agenda called for a \$200 per pupil increase in funding by the state. With his announcement, the governor essentially fulfilled this request. The increased aid announced by the Governor, including for school-based mental health programs, is vitally important for our public schools to continue to prepare every student for college and career and is a smart long-term investment in the state's economy.

The WASB thanks Governor Walker and pledges to work with him to secure support for these investments, as well as the previously announced rural school initiatives, in the State Legislature as the budget moves forward.

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