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**Representative Piwowarczyk Condemns Gov. Evers’s Veto of Assembly Bill 1 Restoring High Academic Standards**

**Madison-** Representative Jim Piwowarczyk released the following statement in response to Governor Evers's veto of Assembly Bill 1 that would restore the educational standards that State Superintendent Jill Underly dumbed down for her own political gain:

“Days before the 2025 Spring Election Governor Tony Evers vetoed Assembly Bill 1, despite having condemned the lowering of education standards months ago. One has to wonder why Governor Evers refused to endorse Jill Underly, yet vetoed this important legislation days before the spring election.

“In Governor Evers’ 2025 State of the State address, he declared this the Year of the Kid, but now he is backpedaling on his promise.”

The 2024 National Assessment of Educational Progress revealed that only 31% of 4th graders in the state are reading at grade level.

“Governor Evers is once again demonstrating that his priorities lie more in satisfying the educational establishment than ensuring the success of our students.”

“So much for 2025 being the Year of the Kid.”

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*Representative Piwowarczyk represents the 98th Assembly District which includes parts of Waukesha and Washington Counties.*