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Rep. Madison Opposes Budget That Leaves Our Schools and Communities Behind

MADISON, WI - Today, the Wisconsin Assembly's Joint Finance Committee considered and approved the 2025-27 Wisconsin State Budget on a 12-4 party line vote, sending the budget to the full Assembly tomorrow.

Representative Madison (D-10) issued the following statement:

"Tomorrow, we will be presented with a budget that's the result of long, mostly private negotiations between Governor Tony Evers and leadership in the legislature. Unfortunately, that budget continues the trend of underfunding our public schools, including an over \$1M reduction in aid to the Shorewood School District and no new resources for Nicolet High School. These cuts will almost certainly force public schools to consider yet another property tax increase referendum in 2028.

Shorewood's cuts are illustrative of the deep flaws in this budget: insufficient special aid reimbursement to public schools, a zero-dollar increase in general aid to those same schools, no expansion of Medicaid – or even of postpartum care for those on BadgerCare – and no clear plan to close Green Bay Correctional Institution. Any of these flaws would be devastating on their own, but in combination they make my decision very clear: I will be voting no on this budget. This budget is not a bipartisan compromise moving Wisconsin forward, but a budget that fails to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our state."

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