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Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin Commends Proposed Funding for Students & Families

The Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin commends Governor Evers' proposal to allocate a portion of state surplus revenues to individuals with disabilities and their families. This plan would primarily benefit students and family caregivers. The proposed plan would create a family caregiver tax credit, increase reimbursement rates for special education and high-cost special education, support lead testing and remediation in schools, and expand school mental health funding for student services staff.

The recent changes in education have had a profound impact on students, especially those with disabilities. Using the surplus funds in this way would outwardly solidify Wisconsin's commitment to supporting students facing academic and mental health struggles arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic. We look forward to seeing this proposal progress and our government taking advantage of this opportunity to better support students with disabilities and families.

The Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin's mission is to provide support to Wisconsin families and individuals with Down syndrome and related disabilities through awareness, education, information, programs, services, and the exchange of ideas and experiences. We promote the value of those with Down syndrome in our lives and our communities