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KIMBERLY M. PLACHE

STATE SENATOR • TWENTY FIRST SENATE DISTRICT

November 12, 1997

TO: Members of the Senate Committee on Education
FROM: Senator Kimberly Plache
RE: Senate Bill 6

Reason for legislation

Each child in Wisconsin deserves the same opportunity for a good education, without regard to where they happen to live. In fact, the State Constitution expressly states that school districts must be as **"nearly uniform as practicable."** With the enactment of 1995 Wisconsin Act 27, which added a third tier to the cost sharing formula, the co-sponsors and co-authors believe some children are essentially punished for living in school district with lower incomes and property values. We believe the additional tier drives an inequitable system of providing state aids to school districts. We should return to the two-tier cost sharing formula.

What would SB 6 do?

Senate Bill 6 would replace the current law three-tier equalization aid formula with a two-tier formula. SB 6 would return to the law prior to 1995 Act 27, except that no minimum aids would be provided. SB 6 would also delete the adjustment provided in 1995 Act 27 for certain districts affected by the elimination of bonus aid.

Work In Progress

We are working on a substitute amendment to Senate Bill 6 to ensure a more equitable formula for distributing equalization aids. Under the bill as it is currently drafted, the provisions of the bill would first apply to payments for 1997-98. This would obviously be changed in a substitute amendment. Also included in a sub would be a clarification of the primary cost ceiling. As drafted, SB 6 would inadvertently use \$1,000 instead of \$5,936 as the base for determining the primary guarantee. The public hearing provides an opportunity for us to develop a better understanding of the concerns among school districts throughout the state. We invite each of you to share with us your thoughts on this legislation. We recognize this is not panacea for the school aid formula. We believe SB 6 does, however, reverse the inequities created by 1995 Act 27.

We appreciate your scheduling the hearing and we hope you will support the substitute amendment at the time of the executive session.

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