

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY23 Adjusted Base	FY24 Recommended	% Change Over FY23	FY25 Recommended	% Change Over FY24
GPR	7,225,881,800	8,190,432,800	13.3	9,070,352,400	10.7
PR-F	884,034,600	884,037,600	0.0	884,037,600	0.0
PR-S	30,945,000	32,449,100	4.9	32,394,600	-0.2
PR-O	22,686,000	22,576,000	-0.5	22,576,000	0.0
SEG-O	70,664,100	84,918,100	20.2	85,196,900	0.3
TOTAL	8,234,211,500	9,214,413,600	11.9	10,094,557,500	9.6

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY23 Adjusted Base	FY24 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY23	FY25 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY24
GPR	252.47	258.47	6.00	258.47	0.00
PR-F	323.84	323.84	0.00	323.84	0.00
PR-S	50.19	49.19	-1.00	49.19	0.00
PR-O	27.50	27.50	0.00	27.50	0.00
TOTAL	654.00	659.00	5.00	659.00	0.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The department is headed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, a constitutional officer who is elected on the nonpartisan spring ballot for a four-year term. The State Superintendent appoints a deputy state superintendent, an executive assistant, a special assistant and assistant state superintendents. The assistant state superintendents are responsible for administering the five operating divisions of the department: Academic Excellence, Finance and Management, Learning Support, Libraries and Technology, and Student and School Success.

MISSION

The department, under the leadership and direction of the elected State Superintendent, advances the cause of public education and public libraries, and supports Wisconsin's public schools, so all school-age children can access high-quality educational programs meeting student needs and all citizens have access to comprehensive public library resources and services.

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The department's mission advances educational equity and is driven by the state superintendent's vision that every child is a graduate, college and career ready. The department's work builds on the state's nation-leading graduation rates, college entrance exam scores and more students taking rigorous college-level courses. But, this vision also acknowledges that today, not every child graduates ready for college or career, and this inequity ultimately drives the department's work.

To achieve our vision for every student, the department is committed to ensuring educational equity remains central to how the department functions. Educational equity means that every student has access to the educational resources and rigor they need at the right moment in their education, across race, gender, ethnicity, language, disability, sexual orientation, family background and/or family income.

The department wants all students in Wisconsin to graduate from high school both academically prepared, as well as socially and emotionally competent. The department strives to ensure all graduates possess and demonstrate: proficiency in academic content and knowledge; the ability to apply their knowledge through skills such as critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity; and habits for success, including perseverance, responsibility, adaptability and leadership. To this end, the department has established five focus areas of work:

- **Effective Instruction:** Each student is taught by teachers using high-quality, standards-aligned, culturally responsive materials and practices.
- **School and Instructional Leadership:** Each student's needs are met in schools led by high-quality and effective educators.
- **Family and Community Engagement:** Each student attends a school that authentically engages with families, communities and libraries.
- **Safe and Supported Students:** Each student learns in an environment that promotes social, emotional and physical well-being and removes barriers to learning.
- **Meaningful Relationships with Students:** Each student has meaningful connections with at least one adult in their school.

Public education in Wisconsin is one of our state's great economic and social strengths. The department's mission drives this agenda, providing direct actions to improve student learning, promote safe and healthy school environments, and ensure our educators and schools remain the best in the nation. Transforming our education system so every child is a graduate, ready for college and career, will continue to make a lasting impact and strengthen prosperity for all in Wisconsin.

PROGRAMS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Program 1: Educational Leadership

Goal: Talented, dedicated and well-prepared educators are in every classroom and public school.

Objective/Activity: Provide every classroom with teachers who are prepared to help students meet the district's challenging academic standards.

Goal: Make the department a high-performance organization by focusing on results, service quality and customer satisfaction.

Objective/Activity: Provide timely, consistent service and dissemination of high-quality information and products to customers.

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Program 3: Aids to Libraries, Individuals and Organizations

Goal: Ensure all citizens have equal access to comprehensive public library resources and services.

Objective/Activity: All libraries make effective use of technology and the internet in order to provide access to information and knowledge resources to the state's residents.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

2021 AND 2022 GOALS AND ACTUALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2021	Actual 2021	Goal 2022	Actual 2022
1.	Number of one-year licenses with stipulations issued. ¹	2,700	3,942	2,600	>3,000
1.	Number of "page views" on Wisconsin Information System for Education Data Dashboard (WISEdash). ²	150,000	98,425	200,000	285,045
1.	Number of distinct log ins (WISEdash for School Districts, secure portal). ²	40,000	58,285	50,000	20,365
3.	Number of BadgerLink Successful Retrievals of Electronic Information (SREI). ³	39,500,000	7,884,991	42,000,000	21,491,399
3.	Number of items loaned out through interlibrary loan program. ⁴	6,500,000	N/A	7,750,000	N/A

Note: Based on calendar year, except as noted.

¹Based on fiscal year. The department anticipated that applications for one-year licenses with stipulations would be higher than previously set goals, as the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continued through the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years.

²The actual figures for 2022 represent counts from January 1, 2022, through September 7, 2022. Upgrades to WISEdash required a different methodology for counting page views. With the previous version of WISEdash, each filter change was recorded as a new page view. However, with the new version, unless the user moves to a new topic or dashboard, a filter change is not recorded as a new page view. The department attributes the majority of the decrease in page views to the system modifications.

³For BadgerLink SREI, the 2022 actual figures include data from January through June 2022. Additionally, unauthorized use was detected in mid-2021, resulting in recalculation of SREI and lower actual figures for 2021 and 2022. Future goals are adjusted accordingly as well.

⁴The number of items loaned through the interlibrary loan program is based in part on the statistics filed in the public library annual reports, which will not be available until July 2023.

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2023, 2024 AND 2025 GOALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2023 ¹	Goal 2024	Goal 2025
1.	Number of one-year licenses with stipulations issued. ²	3,000	2,500	2,500
1.	Number of "page views" on Wisconsin Information System for Education Data Dashboard (WISEdash).	100,000	100,000	100,000
1.	Number of distinct log ins (WISEdash for School Districts, secure portal).	60,000	60,000	60,000
3.	Number of BadgerLink Successful Retrievals of Electronic Information (SREI).	8,500,000	9,000,000	10,000,000
3.	Number of items loaned out through interlibrary loan program.	8,000,000	8,250,000	8,500,000

Note: Based on calendar year, except as noted.

¹Goals for 2023 have been revised for all measures.

²Based on fiscal year.

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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Table 1
Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY22	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST FY24	AGENCY REQUEST FY25	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY24	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY25
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$6,796,075.2	\$7,225,881.8	\$8,034,850.8	\$8,955,252.2	\$8,190,432.8	\$9,070,352.4
State Operations	50,817.5	55,809.1	65,924.3	66,839.7	66,306.7	67,268.2
Local Assistance	6,234,110.8	6,607,452.1	7,340,967.7	8,161,240.1	7,511,753.5	8,328,457.4
Aids to Ind. & Org.	511,146.8	562,620.6	627,958.8	727,172.4	612,372.6	674,626.8
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	\$1,409,832.5	\$884,034.6	\$884,050.9	\$884,050.9	\$884,037.6	\$884,037.6
State Operations	50,517.8	59,232.6	59,248.9	59,248.9	59,235.6	59,235.6
Local Assistance	1,278,451.7	761,933.5	761,933.5	761,933.5	761,933.5	761,933.5
Aids to Ind. & Org.	80,863.1	62,868.5	62,868.5	62,868.5	62,868.5	62,868.5
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	\$134,751.8	\$53,631.0	\$55,259.0	\$55,204.5	\$55,025.1	\$54,970.6
State Operations	101,912.5	36,123.5	37,517.6	37,463.1	37,517.6	37,463.1
Local Assistance	32,839.3	17,507.5	17,741.4	17,741.4	17,507.5	17,507.5
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	\$64,539.1	\$70,664.1	\$75,918.1	\$76,196.9	\$84,918.1	\$85,196.9
State Operations	2,188.4	2,367.7	2,367.7	2,397.5	2,367.7	2,397.5
Local Assistance	62,350.6	68,296.4	73,400.4	73,499.4	82,400.4	82,499.4
Aids to Ind. & Org.	0.0	0.0	150.0	300.0	150.0	300.0
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$8,405,198.6	\$8,234,211.5	\$9,050,078.8	\$9,970,704.5	\$9,214,413.6	\$10,094,557.5
State Operations	205,436.3	153,532.9	165,058.5	165,949.2	165,427.6	166,364.4
Local Assistance	7,607,752.4	7,455,189.5	8,194,043.0	9,014,414.4	8,373,594.9	9,190,397.8
Aids to Ind. & Org.	592,009.9	625,489.1	690,977.3	790,340.9	675,391.1	737,795.3

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

**Table 2
Department Position Summary by Funding Source (in FTE positions)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST FY24	AGENCY REQUEST FY25	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY24	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY25
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	252.47	256.47	256.47	258.47	258.47
State Operations	252.47	256.47	256.47	258.47	258.47
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	323.84	323.84	323.84	323.84	323.84
State Operations	323.84	323.84	323.84	323.84	323.84
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	77.69	76.69	76.69	76.69	76.69
State Operations	77.69	76.69	76.69	76.69	76.69
TOTALS - ANNUAL	654.00	657.00	657.00	659.00	659.00
State Operations	654.00	657.00	657.00	659.00	659.00

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

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**Table 3
Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY22	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1. Educational leadership	\$207,022.8	\$154,940.3	\$166,465.9	\$167,326.8	\$166,735.0	\$167,742.0
2. Aids for local educational programming	\$8,085,310.4	\$7,982,046.9	\$8,781,067.8	\$9,689,720.8	\$8,939,032.8	\$9,804,212.9
3. Aids to libraries, individuals and organizations	\$112,865.4	\$97,224.3	\$102,545.1	\$113,656.9	\$108,645.8	\$122,602.6
TOTALS	\$8,405,198.6	\$8,234,211.5	\$9,050,078.8	\$9,970,704.5	\$9,214,413.6	\$10,094,557.5

**Table 4
Department Position Summary by Program (in FTE positions)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1. Educational leadership	654.00	657.00	657.00	659.00	659.00
TOTALS	654.00	657.00	657.00	659.00	659.00

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1. General School Aids and Revenue Limits

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	284,375,000	0.00	611,447,400	0.00	212,875,000	0.00	792,947,400	0.00
TOTAL	284,375,000	0.00	611,447,400	0.00	212,875,000	0.00	792,947,400	0.00

The Governor recommends providing significant increases in state general aid in each year of the biennium.

The Governor also recommends providing a revenue limit adjustment of \$350 per member in FY24 and \$650 per member in FY25. In addition, the Governor recommends increasing the low revenue ceiling to \$10,450 per member in FY24 and \$11,200 per member in FY25, and repealing the inability of a school district to use the low revenue ceiling adjustment if the district has a failed referendum.

The Governor further recommends increasing the state general equalization aid and revenue limit four-year-old kindergarten (4K) membership calculations for school districts, independent charter schools and private schools participating in the state's parental choice programs that provide full-day 4K programs to 1.0 FTE beginning in FY25.

2. Special Education Categorical Aid

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	236,213,600	0.00	517,745,600	0.00	491,388,600	0.00	521,666,900	0.00
TOTAL	236,213,600	0.00	517,745,600	0.00	491,388,600	0.00	521,666,900	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing the rate at which eligible special education costs are reimbursed to 60 percent in FY24 and in FY25. The Governor also recommends changing the appropriation type from sum certain to sum sufficient to ensure school districts receive the percent reimbursement promised by the state.

3. High-Cost Special Education Aid

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	3,040,800	0.00	7,867,500	0.00	1,592,800	0.00	5,936,800	0.00
TOTAL	3,040,800	0.00	7,867,500	0.00	1,592,800	0.00	5,936,800	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing the reimbursement rate for eligible program costs to 45 percent in FY24 and 60 percent in FY25. The Governor also recommends changing the appropriation type from sum certain to sum sufficient to ensure school districts receive the percent reimbursement promised by the state.

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4. Aid for Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	117,914,300	0.00	117,914,300	0.00	117,914,300	0.00	117,914,300	0.00
TOTAL	117,914,300	0.00	117,914,300	0.00	117,914,300	0.00	117,914,300	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding for reimbursement of costs incurred by school districts and independent charter schools that provide in- and out-of-school time mental health services and programs for students. The Governor also recommends that reimbursements may be provided in an amount up to \$100,000 plus \$100 per pupil.

5. Aid for School-Based Mental Health Professional Staff

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	18,000,000	0.00	18,000,000	0.00	18,000,000	0.00	18,000,000	0.00
TOTAL	18,000,000	0.00	18,000,000	0.00	18,000,000	0.00	18,000,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to reimburse school districts, independent charter schools and private schools participating in a parental choice program for the costs of school-based mental health professional staff. The Governor also recommends ensuring that the costs for all categories of pupil services staff be eligible for reimbursement, including school counselors, school psychologists and school nurses.

6. Mental Health Training Programs

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	580,000	0.00	580,000	0.00	580,000	0.00	580,000	0.00
TOTAL	580,000	0.00	580,000	0.00	580,000	0.00	580,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to increase support for existing school mental health training programs and to expand the allowable types of training.

7. Peer-to-Peer Suicide Prevention Grants

The Governor recommends increasing the maximum grant for peer-to-peer suicide prevention grants from \$1,000 to \$6,000.

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8. Opioid Antagonist Availability in Schools

The Governor recommends requiring each public and independent charter school building to have a supply of an opioid antagonist, such as nasally-administered naloxone, on premises.

9. Bullying Prevention Grants

The Governor recommends that grants to the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin for the development and dissemination of Act Now! bullying prevention e-learning courses be used for courses at all grade levels, not just grades kindergarten through 8.

10. Grow Your Own Educator Programs

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	10,000,000	0.00	0	0.00	5,000,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	10,000,000	0.00	0	0.00	5,000,000	0.00

The Governor recommends creating a new grant program to help school districts and independent charter schools reimburse the costs of grow your own educator programs that help teachers and staff obtain further licensure or encourage students to enter the teaching profession.

11. Supporting Future Educators

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	10,833,000	0.00	0	0.00	11,483,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	10,833,000	0.00	0	0.00	11,483,000	0.00

The Governor recommends creating new programs to provide state-funded stipend payments to future educators and to cooperating teachers that supervise those individuals beginning in FY25 as follows: (a) \$9,600 per semester to future educators completing the Wisconsin Improvement Program; (b) \$2,500 per semester to future educators completing student teaching; (c) \$2,500 per semester to future librarians completing a public library internship; and (d) \$1,000 per semester to cooperating teachers involved in supervising during the student teaching process.

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12. Early Literacy and Reading Improvement

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	10,000,000	0.00	10,000,000	0.00	10,000,000	0.00	10,000,000	0.00
TOTAL	10,000,000	0.00	10,000,000	0.00	10,000,000	0.00	10,000,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding for a comprehensive educator training program focused on reading-focused school improvement plan implementation and reading-focused early childhood transitions.

13. Adult Literacy Grants

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	66,800	0.00	66,800	0.00	742,500	0.00	742,500	0.00
TOTAL	66,800	0.00	66,800	0.00	742,500	0.00	742,500	0.00

The Governor recommends providing additional funding to increase capacity of adult literacy services.

14. Wisconsin Reading Corps

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,000,000	0.00	2,000,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,000,000	0.00	2,000,000	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing funding to support literacy tutoring services provided through the Wisconsin Reading Corps.

15. The Literacy Lab

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	75,000	0.00	1,370,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	75,000	0.00	1,370,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to support The Literacy Lab, which will provide evidence-based literacy interventions in Milwaukee and Racine schools.

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16. Reach Out and Read

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	250,000	0.00	250,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	250,000	0.00	250,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to support the Wisconsin affiliate of Reach Out and Read, which supports integration of books and reading into pediatric care and encourages families to read aloud together.

17. Computer Science Education Grants

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	5,152,500	1.00	5,150,000	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	5,152,500	1.00	5,150,000	1.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to help school districts increase foundational computer science offerings. The Governor also recommends providing position and expenditure authority for the department to coordinate statewide computer science education. The Governor further recommends providing \$20,000 for costs related to a computer science education task force, to be chaired by the new computer science education coordinator.

18. Computer Science Offerings

The Governor recommends that each high school in the state be required to offer at least one computer science class.

19. Personal Financial Literacy

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	2,500,000	0.00	2,500,000	0.00	2,500,000	0.00	2,500,000	0.00
TOTAL	2,500,000	0.00	2,500,000	0.00	2,500,000	0.00	2,500,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding for grants school districts and independent charter schools to implement or expand personal financial literacy curriculum and programming, with an emphasis on innovation in personal financial literacy instruction.

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20. Aid for English Language Acquisition

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	25,992,000	0.00	25,992,000	0.00	25,992,000	0.00	25,992,000	0.00
TOTAL	25,992,000	0.00	25,992,000	0.00	25,992,000	0.00	25,992,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding and a new sum sufficient appropriation to create a new categorical aid program to support English learner students in every school district and independent charter school in the state. The Governor also recommends that base funding of \$10,000 be provided to each school district and independent charter school serving at least one English learner and up to 20 English learners, plus \$500 for each additional English learner above 20.

21. Aid for Bilingual-Bicultural Programs

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	8,199,100	0.00	14,153,200	0.00	8,199,100	0.00	14,153,200	0.00
TOTAL	8,199,100	0.00	14,153,200	0.00	8,199,100	0.00	14,153,200	0.00

The Governor recommends converting the existing appropriation for bilingual-bicultural education aids to sum sufficient and increasing funding to support 15 percent reimbursement of eligible costs in FY24 and 20 percent in FY25.

22. Wisconsin Seal of Biliteracy

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	26,500	0.00	284,000	0.00	26,500	0.00	284,000	0.00
TOTAL	26,500	0.00	284,000	0.00	26,500	0.00	284,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to formalize the process of earning the Wisconsin Seal of Biliteracy and to allow a greater number of students to earn the seal.

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23. Grants for Out-of-School Time Programs

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24 Dollars	FY24 Positions	FY25 Dollars	FY25 Positions	FY24 Dollars	FY24 Positions	FY25 Dollars	FY25 Positions
GPR	0	0.00	20,000,000	0.00	0	0.00	20,000,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	20,000,000	0.00	0	0.00	20,000,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding for grants to support a variety of schools and organizations that provide before- or after-school activities, learning support, supervision or coaching to children in grades kindergarten through 12.

24. Milwaukee Mathematics Partnership

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24 Dollars	FY24 Positions	FY25 Dollars	FY25 Positions	FY24 Dollars	FY24 Positions	FY25 Dollars	FY25 Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	10,000,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	10,000,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding for a partnership between Milwaukee Public Schools and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to select, train, place and support a mathematics teacher leader in each K-12 school building, with the goal of improving mathematics teaching.

25. Graduation Alliance

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24 Dollars	FY24 Positions	FY25 Dollars	FY25 Positions	FY24 Dollars	FY24 Positions	FY25 Dollars	FY25 Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	2,000,000	0.00	2,000,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	2,000,000	0.00	2,000,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to Graduation Alliance, which works to reengage high school students who have, or are in danger of, dropping out of school.

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26. MENTOR Greater Milwaukee

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	100,000	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	100,000	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to MENTOR Greater Milwaukee to support relationships between kids and trained, caring adults to assist the kids in fulfilling their potential.

27. Supplemental Nutrition Aid

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	120,168,500	0.00	0	0.00	120,168,500	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	120,168,500	0.00	0	0.00	120,168,500	0.00

The Governor recommends creating a new sum sufficient categorical aid to eliminate all fees charged to students for meals served by a school district, independent charter school, tribal school, private school or residential school. The payment per meal to each school is equal to the difference in federal reimbursement between a free meal and a reduced-price meal and a free meal and a full-price meal respectively for each meal served in the prior school year. The Governor also recommends prohibiting schools from charging a price for a meal to students.

28. School Breakfast Reimbursement

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	4,326,800	0.00	4,663,000	0.00	4,326,800	0.00	4,663,000	0.00
TOTAL	4,326,800	0.00	4,663,000	0.00	4,326,800	0.00	4,663,000	0.00

The Governor recommends fully funding reimbursements to school districts, private schools and tribal schools under the school breakfast program at \$0.15 for each breakfast as required by current law. The Governor also recommends expanding the institutions eligible for reimbursement to include: (a) independent charter schools, (b) Wisconsin Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, (c) Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and (d) residential care centers for children and youth. The Governor further recommends eliminating reimbursement payments to institutions no longer in operation.

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29. Locally-Sourced Foods Incentive Payments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24 Dollars	FY24 Positions	FY25 Dollars	FY25 Positions	FY24 Dollars	FY24 Positions	FY25 Dollars	FY25 Positions
GPR	0	0.00	2,750,000	0.00	0	0.00	2,750,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	2,750,000	0.00	0	0.00	2,750,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to reimburse federal school lunch program participants at \$0.10 per meal served that includes a Wisconsin-sourced food item.

30. Grants for Milk Coolers and Dispensers

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24 Dollars	FY24 Positions	FY25 Dollars	FY25 Positions	FY24 Dollars	FY24 Positions	FY25 Dollars	FY25 Positions
GPR	0	0.00	50,000	0.00	0	0.00	50,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	50,000	0.00	0	0.00	50,000	0.00

The Governor recommends creating a new one-time appropriation to reimburse schools for the cost of purchasing milk coolers and milk dispensers.

31. Driver Education Aid

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24 Dollars	FY24 Positions	FY25 Dollars	FY25 Positions	FY24 Dollars	FY24 Positions	FY25 Dollars	FY25 Positions
GPR	0	0.00	6,500,000	0.00	0	0.00	6,500,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	6,500,000	0.00	0	0.00	6,500,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding for school districts, independent charter schools, cooperative education service agencies and private driver education providers to receive reimbursement for fees otherwise charged per student based on the number of economically disadvantaged students who completed an approved driver education course that includes behind-the-wheel training.

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32. General Education Development Test Subsidy

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	500,000	0.00	0	0.00	500,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	500,000	0.00	0	0.00	500,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to create a new test subsidy of \$30 per General Education Development test for eligible Wisconsin residents beginning January 1, 2024.

33. Per Pupil Aid

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	20,975,000	0.00	57,537,500	0.00	7,573,800	0.00	38,824,200	0.00
TOTAL	20,975,000	0.00	57,537,500	0.00	7,573,800	0.00	38,824,200	0.00

The Governor recommends fully funding a per pupil payment of \$766 in FY24 and \$811 in FY25. The Governor also recommends amending the statutory reference to remove independent charter membership from the per pupil aid calculation.

34. Sparsity Aid

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	630,200	0.00	630,200	0.00	630,200	0.00	630,200	0.00
TOTAL	630,200	0.00	630,200	0.00	630,200	0.00	630,200	0.00

The Governor recommends fully funding sparsity aid eligibility in each year. The Governor also recommends providing stopgap payments equal to 50 percent of the district's prior year aid payment for one year to districts that no longer meet eligibility requirements.

35. Pupil Transportation Aid

The Governor recommends increasing reimbursement rates for pupils transported over 12 miles from \$375 to \$400.

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36. High-Cost Transportation Aid

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	10,543,800	0.00	10,543,800	0.00	7,503,800	0.00	7,503,800	0.00
TOTAL	10,543,800	0.00	10,543,800	0.00	7,503,800	0.00	7,503,800	0.00

The Governor recommends fully funding expenditures eligible for high-cost pupil transportation aid in each year. The Governor also recommends eliminating the \$200,000 cap on total stopgap payments.

37. Public Library System Aid

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	5,000,000	0.00	5,000,000	0.00	7,000,000	0.00	7,000,000	0.00
TOTAL	5,000,000	0.00	5,000,000	0.00	7,000,000	0.00	7,000,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to support the operations and maintenance of public library services in Wisconsin.

38. Academic and Career Planning

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	322,500	0.00	381,500	0.00	322,500	0.00	381,500	0.00
TOTAL	322,500	0.00	381,500	0.00	322,500	0.00	381,500	0.00

The Governor recommends increasing expenditure authority to fully fund estimated costs of Academic and Career Planning.

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39. Independent Charter School Programs Reestimate

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	29,094,700	0.00	46,178,800	0.00	11,235,400	0.00	22,051,200	0.00
TOTAL	29,094,700	0.00	46,178,800	0.00	11,235,400	0.00	22,051,200	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting funding by \$5,918,400 in FY24 and \$15,230,400 in FY25 to reflect estimates of enrollment and state aid payments for independent charter schools authorized by the city of Milwaukee, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College and University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

The Governor also recommends adjusting funding by \$5,317,000 in FY24 and \$6,820,800 in FY25 to reflect estimates of enrollment and state aid payments for independent charter schools authorized by the Office of Educational Opportunity at the University of Wisconsin System.

40. Milwaukee Parental Choice Program Reestimates

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	10,823,200	0.00	33,680,800	0.00	9,827,900	0.00	29,646,400	0.00
TOTAL	10,823,200	0.00	33,680,800	0.00	9,827,900	0.00	29,646,400	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting funding for the Milwaukee parental choice programs to reflect estimated enrollment and state aid payments.

41. Racine and Wisconsin Parental Choice Program Reestimates

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	32,007,000	0.00	72,924,600	0.00	31,135,100	0.00	47,059,900	0.00
TOTAL	32,007,000	0.00	72,924,600	0.00	31,135,100	0.00	47,059,900	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting funding for the Racine and statewide parental choice programs to reflect estimated enrollment and state aid payments.

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42. Special Needs Scholarship Program Reestimates

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	-6,653,500	0.00	867,800	0.00	-6,513,900	0.00	-4,596,800	0.00
TOTAL	-6,653,500	0.00	867,800	0.00	-6,513,900	0.00	-4,596,800	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting funding for the Special Needs Scholarship Program to reflect estimated enrollment and state aid payments. In addition, the Governor recommends reforming the program as follows: (a) repeal the actual cost basis payment calculation and reinstate a per pupil aid payment; (b) require new schools that begin participating in FY25 and thereafter to concurrently participate in another parental choice program through which they are accredited; and (c) require that schools participating in the program must allow students to opt out of religious activities upon written request of the parent.

43. Parental Choice and Special Needs Scholarship Programs

The Governor recommends implementing the following reforms: (a) requiring all teachers providing instruction in schools participating in a parental choice program or the Special Needs Scholarship Program, with some exceptions, to hold a license or permit issued by the Department of Public Instruction beginning July 1, 2026; (b) including information containing the gross reduction in state general aid as a result of private choice programs on property tax bills to increase public awareness of parental choice program costs; (c) indexing payments for choice and special needs pupils to increases in public school revenue limit adjustments and per pupil aid; and (d) capping the number of available seats in each parental choice program and the Special Needs Scholarship Program beginning in FY25 using the respective program's FY24 headcount.

44. School Library Aids Reestimate

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	7,000,000	0.00	7,000,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	7,000,000	0.00	7,000,000	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting expenditure authority based on reestimates of interest earnings from the common school fund.

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45. Recollection Wisconsin

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	150,000	0.00	300,000	0.00	150,000	0.00	300,000	0.00
TOTAL	150,000	0.00	300,000	0.00	150,000	0.00	300,000	0.00

The Governor recommends creating a new dedicated funding source to support public library digital archiving efforts through Recollection Wisconsin.

46. Library Service Contracts

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	29,800	0.00	0	0.00	29,800	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	29,800	0.00	0	0.00	29,800	0.00

The Governor recommends fully funding the estimated costs of the library service contracts maintained by the department.

47. BadgerLink and Newsline for the Blind

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	104,000	0.00	203,000	0.00	104,000	0.00	203,000	0.00
TOTAL	104,000	0.00	203,000	0.00	104,000	0.00	203,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to maintain BadgerLink and Newsline for the Blind levels of service.

48. Educator Licensing Fees

The Governor recommends allowing the department to retain all revenues received from educator licensing.

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49. Staffing Support for State Programs

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	330,000	4.00	428,700	4.00	330,000	4.00	428,700	4.00
TOTAL	330,000	4.00	428,700	4.00	330,000	4.00	428,700	4.00

The Governor recommends provide position and expenditure authority to support the following functions: (a) calculations of state general equalization aid and revenue limits; (b) work implementing a public-facing school financial data tool, as required under 2021 Wisconsin Act 89; (c) technical assistance to schools and families on educational options; (d) grant writing support; (e) development of new state-funded programs; and (f) cybersecurity improvements.

50. Program Revenue Reestimates

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-S	1,561,400	0.00	1,561,400	0.00	1,561,400	0.00	1,561,400	0.00
PR-O	-109,200	0.00	-109,200	0.00	-109,200	0.00	-109,200	0.00
TOTAL	1,452,200	0.00	1,452,200	0.00	1,452,200	0.00	1,452,200	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting expenditure authority for program revenue appropriations to reflect projected revenues and expenditures.

51. Fuel and Utilities Reestimate

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	74,700	0.00	79,300	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	74,700	0.00	79,300	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the department's fuel and utilities budget for expected changes in prices and to reflect statistically normal weather conditions.

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52. Debt Service Reestimate

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	-69,200	0.00	53,700	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	-69,200	0.00	53,700	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the department's base budget to reflect a reestimate of debt service on authorized bonds.

53. State Operations Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	89,800	0.00	89,800	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	89,800	0.00	89,800	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting expenditure authority in certain state operations appropriations to reflect increased supplies and services costs related to the provision of current programmatic requirements.

54. Agency Equity Officer

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	74,900	1.00	96,200	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	74,900	1.00	96,200	1.00

The Governor recommends creating a new agency equity officer position within the Office of the State Superintendent. The agency equity officer will collaborate with the Chief Equity Officer within the Department of Administration and agency equity officers within other agencies to identify opportunities to advance equity in government operations, including determining how current government practices and policies impact communities of color and individuals with disabilities. See Department of Administration, Item #15; Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Item #30; Department of Children and Families, Item #35; Department of Corrections, Item #33; Department of Financial Institutions, Item #8; Department of Health Services, Item #120; Department of Justice, Item #33; Department of Military Affairs, Item #19; Department of Natural Resources, Item #76; Department of Revenue, Item #53; Department of Safety and Professional Services, Item #29; Department of Tourism, Item #9; Department of Transportation, Item #60; Department of Veterans Affairs, Item #14; Department of Workforce Development, Item #30; Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, Item #29; and Public Service Commission, Item #21.

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55. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	-338,800	0.00	-338,600	0.00	-379,100	0.00	-379,100	0.00
PR-F	16,300	0.00	16,300	0.00	3,000	0.00	3,000	0.00
PR-S	-57,300	-1.00	-111,800	-1.00	-57,300	-1.00	-111,800	-1.00
PR-O	-800	0.00	-800	0.00	-800	0.00	-800	0.00
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	-380,600	-1.00	-434,900	-1.00	-434,200	-1.00	-488,700	-1.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the department's base budget for: (a) turnover reduction (-\$1,036,400 in each year); (b) removal of noncontinuing elements from the base (-\$54,500 in FY24 and -\$109,000 in FY25 and -1.0 FTE position in each year); (c) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$325,000 in each year); (d) overtime (\$329,800 in each year); (e) night and weekend differential pay (\$56,000 in each year); (f) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (-\$54,100 in each year); and (g) minor transfers within the same alpha appropriation.

ITEMS NOT APPROVED

The following requests are not included in the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Public Instruction.

Decision Item	Source of Funds	FY24		FY25	
		Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
56. Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Programs	GPR	0	0.00	4,520,000	0.00
	PR-S	233,900	0.00	233,900	0.00
TOTAL OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED	GPR	0	0.00	4,520,000	0.00
	PR-S	233,900	0.00	233,900	0.00