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Fwd: 2025 State Budget Bills

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Rebecca,

For the BOE packet, from Mark.

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From: **Hetzel, Mark** <markhetzel@waunakee.k12.wi.us>

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Subject: 2025 State Budget Bills

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Monica, Steve, and Joan,

I was pleased to see that Steve met with legislators to share our budgetary concerns.

After coming across an article on AB 6/SB 32 that requires 70% of our operating expenses to be on instruction, I began researching new budget bills that would affect the WCSD as well as all public schools in WI.

Attached please find the list and a brief description of what the legislative bills stipulate. I believe I have a complete list, though it's possible I may have missed one or two.

Particularly impactful or concerning are the following (AB = Assembly Bill, SB = Senate Bill).

- AB 6/SB 32: At least 70% of operating expenses must be directed to instructional costs
- AB71/SB 81: Restricts all future referendum to nonrecurring
- AB81/SB61: Excludes referendum expenditures over \$50,000,000 from shared costs calculations for determining equalization aid for school districts
- AB1/SB 18: Changing state assessment scoring to previous calculations
- AB3/SB 13: Requiring cursive be taught in elementary through 5th grade
- AB 4/SB 30: Required civics 1/2 credit social studies at h.s. and civics be taught in elem.

Attached is the entire list.

I would like to have the entire list shared with the entire Board in the Legislative Update portion of our meeting.

Also, I wonder if we as a Board should communicate our concerns with any of the above or other listed bills with the Legislative Budget and Education committees. I am not sure if there is allocated time to discuss this.

Mark



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