



Kewaskum School District

The Kewaskum Community Schools ignite a passion for learning.

2025-27 Public Policy & Legislative Priorities

To ensure the academic success of our students and ensure the long-term sustainability of the District, the Kewaskum School District has identified the following legislative priorities for the next biennial budget cycle.

- ✓ **Establish a Predictable & Sustainable K-12 Funding Model**
 - Provide a per-student funding adjustment, inclusive of Revenue Limit and Per-Student Categorical adjustments, **to match the CPI** rate used for collective bargaining (base wage) purposes. This could be managed with a three-year average CPI to help mitigate major adjustments based on current economic factors.
 - **Continue to provide additional adjustments to low revenue districts**, like Kewaskum. The low revenue amount was adjusted to \$11,000 for the 23-25 biennial budget and Kewaskum used the additional adjustment to pay off existing non-referendum debt as well as fund needed facility maintenance projects. Consider adjusting to \$11,825/\$12,325 for the 25-27 biennium.
 - Continue to fund schools to **minimize local property taxpayer impact**. This will require continued funding adjustments of Per-Pupil Categorical Aid, General State Aid, and/or School Levy Tax Credits.
 - Include the **School Tax Levy Credit** in the October school district tax levy certifications to provide local taxpayers with true local property tax impact.
 - **Increase property tax bill transparency** of the local school district tax levy components on local property tax bills (school levy, voucher school levy, and impact of School Levy Tax Credit).
 - Consider an ongoing **school safety** Revenue Limit exemption at 1% of the Revenue Limit with all exemptions (line 11 on the RL worksheet). This would provide Kewaskum with just over \$210,000 to invest annually in school safety with priorities of **student and facility safety as well as cyber security** (infrastructure and technology).
- ✓ **Increase Funding for High Needs Students**
 - Increase the current level of State support for eligible and aidable special education costs to **at least 40%** with a longer term goal of at least 60%.
 - Provide **100% State funding support for individual student costs over \$30,000** per school year. These costs are driven by individual student education plan as well as State and Federal law. The other school funding formulas are not designed to incorporate funding for these costs.
- ✓ **Provide for Local Control and Accountability**
 - **Apply funding, mandates, and flexibility equally to all schools** (public and private) receiving local and/or State funding.



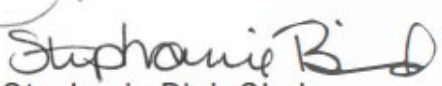
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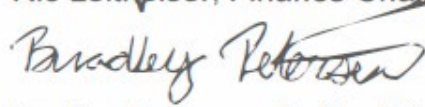
Respectfully Submitted by the Kewaskum School District Board of Education

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