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Dear staff, students and families,

As another great school year draws to an end, we have so much to be proud of in the School District of Superior. I am writing to you today to share that we want to continue to see excellence in our amazing school district; however, the budget currently proposed for traditional public school jeopardizes our ability to continue to maintain the programs that our students need and deserve!

The items on the list below are some of the proposals made by our Governor and the Joint Finance Committee. These proposals have a very good chance of passing through the Senate and the Assembly.

- For the first time, Wisconsin will fall below the national average in per pupil spending.
- Since 2008, Wisconsin School Districts have seen a 15% decrease in per pupil spending for public education.
- In this proposed budget, public schools will have less state general aid than in 2010.
- All other states have been increasing spending on public education at an average of 4% to simply meet the cost of living increases.
- Under current statute, public school students can open enroll to other public school districts. A total of \$6,635.00 follows that student to their new school. Under the proposed new legislation, students can also enroll in a voucher school (a non-public school approved by the state; which are currently all religious schools). A voucher in the amount of \$7,210.00 for K-8 students and \$7,856.00 for high school students is then sent from the public schools to the private schools.
- Individuals without a degree to obtain a teaching permit would be allowed to obtain a license to teach students in grades six through 12 in areas other than English, social studies, math or science.

I urge you to learn more about the proposed 2015-2017 state budget. Learn how it will impact your school district, our students and education in the state of Wisconsin. If you agree that supporting traditional public education is important, please let your voice be heard in Madison by writing our representatives.

Senator Janet Bewley: [sen.bewley@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:sen.bewley@legis.wisconsin.gov)  
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Please support our Superior School District and public education in the state of Wisconsin!

Sincerely,

*Janna Stevens*

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