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RE: Assembly Bill 162

Dear Honorable Senate Education Committee Members:

Thank you for your commitment and dedication on behalf of PreK-12 public education funding as you move through the current budget process. I appreciate your commitment to securing the resources needed to provide a high quality education that will ensure that all children in Wisconsin succeed and become leaders in our future. Thank you for your service on behalf of all Wisconsin children and for your continued support of excellence in education.

The Neenah Joint School District serves approximately 6,800 students and is located between Appleton and Oshkosh. As the superintendent of the Neenah Joint School District, I am asking that you consider a shift in the distribution of aid and support this bill as presented with an end goal to distribute equalization aid in four equal installments (25% each) in September, December, March, and June. The recommended phase-in schedule that increases the September payment by two percentage points and decreases the June payment by two percentage points each year for five years will provide additional support to districts while at the same time being sensitive to the state's shift in distribution.

In the best interest of our students, the Neenah Joint School District opened for in-person learning on September 1 and has continued to be open as we understand that this is the greatest benefit for our students and community. As our state works to recover from the pandemic, we appreciate your focus on education and supporting our most valuable asset, our children.

We sincerely thank you for your service and for all that you do for our great state of Wisconsin.

Best regards,

Dr. Mary Pfeiffer, District Administrator  
Neenah Joint School District