



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **Wisconsin Education Leaders to Speak on Cuts to Public Schools**

MEQUON, Wis. — Educational leaders from across southeastern Wisconsin will come together Thursday, June 4 at 10 a.m. at Range Line School in the Mequon-Thiensville School District for a media event to discuss the state PK-12 education budget. The legislative Joint Committee on Finance recently approved the measure, sending it to both houses of the legislature for debate.

The budget the committee passed struck a devastating blow to the 870,000 children who attend Wisconsin public schools. Although committee members suggested the bill represents an “investment in education,” the “new resources” slated for traditional public school students is only about a 0.5 percent increase over the last biennial budget.

As a result, state support for public schools in Wisconsin is failing to keep up with the cost of inflation, and the state will fall, as projected, below the national average for per-pupil spending.

Speakers at the event will include:

- Demond Means, Superintendent, Mequon-Thiensville School District
- Phil Ertl, Superintendent, Wauwatosa School District
- Pat Deklotz, Superintendent, Kettle Moraine School District
- Jerry Fiene, Executive Director, Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance

Other Milwaukee-area superintendents and public school board members will also be in attendance.

- Who:** Local public education leaders, including several superintendents and board members.
- What:** A media event to highlight the impact of the budget bill recently passed by the legislative Joint Committee on Finance and will soon be taken up by both houses of the legislature.
- Where:** Range Line School Conference Room, 11040 N. Range Line Road, Mequon
- When:** Thursday, June 4 at 10 a.m.
- Note:** The event will be brief. Speakers will be available to the media for one-on-one interviews at the conclusion of the event. A release with budget details will be distributed.

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