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Last week, Governor Evers released his biennial budget proposal, which invests our \$7 billion surplus in local communities and the people. It's vital that we work together as we continue to develop the budget.

MADISON - It's that time when the rubber meets the road. You might even say this is when your state leaders better "put up or shut up."

Every odd year the state of Wisconsin begins another budget biennium. During that two-year period, we measure our state's estimated needs and priorities and balance that with the revenue to be collected during that same two years.

As the biennial budget season kicks off, it's the perfect time to remind your elected officials of what they promised or preached during the campaign the previous year. Did your representative promise to provide more resources for your school? How often did you hear that the state should send more revenue back to cities, villages and towns? Maybe candidates in your area said they were going to fight to bring back more shared revenue to fix roads and provide fire, EMS and law enforcement services.

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