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State of the State address Tuesday emphasizes record on economy, low unemployment, and putting money back in Wisconsinites' pockets.

MADISON - In his annual State of the State address Tuesday night, Gov. Tony Evers “**focused on the ‘kitchen table issues’ that helped him unseat Walker in 2018,**” the Wisconsin State Journal [reported](#).

Gov. Evers touted his investments in public schools, infrastructure, workforce development, and high-speed internet and explained how he plans to use the state’s budget surplus to send \$150 to every taxpayer, invest in mental health services, and more.

Here’s what people are saying about Gov. Evers’ address:

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[Channel 3000:](#) “In a nearly hour-long speech touting tax cuts, low unemployment, and new initiatives for federal pandemic aid, Gov. Tony Evers on Tuesday declared the state of Wisconsin to be ‘stronger and better’ than it was last year as he seeks a second term in the governor’s office.”

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[Associated Press](#): “Gov. Tony Evers used his election year State of the State address on Tuesday to call on the Republican-controlled Legislature to approve his plan to send \$150 to every taxpayer in Wisconsin, saying inaction by lawmakers now while people are suffering is ‘baloney.’”

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[Badger Herald](#): “Evers said the UW System will receive \$25 million to fund the tuition freeze for in-state students for the next two years.”

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[Wisconsin State Journal](#): “Evers’ proposal would also allocate more than \$130 million in child care and caregiver tax credits and \$750 million to schools ... He also unveiled plans to create a Blue Ribbon Commission on Veteran Opportunity to create additional supports for education and employment for the more than 300,000 veterans in the state.”

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[Wisconsin Public Radio](#): “In addition to the education funding in his surplus proposal, Evers also announced plans to invest tens of millions of dollars to support mental health in the state's schools and universities. The investments include a \$15 million ‘Get Kids Ahead’ initiative that Evers said would allow schools to provide mental health care and family assistance programs in the state’s public schools.”

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[Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#): “Evers said he would send \$30 million in additional funding to local governments to pay for emergency medical services, citing a decadelong trend of declining state aid and rising costs. Most of the funding will go to rural areas, Evers said, ‘for whatever help they need the most.’”

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[Wisconsin Examiner](#): “Evers ticked off the large sums of money he has directed to other projects using federal funds, including \$1 billion to support more than 100,000 small businesses, \$100 million for farmers and \$100 million to bring high-speed internet to 300,000 homes and businesses.”

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[CBS 58](#): “He touted his investments to expand apprenticeship programs for high school students, training for skill workers and launching 12 regional programs across the state to help people get back in the workforce.”

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[UpNorthNews](#): “The conclusion of the address was in keeping with recent needs to call out threats to democracy from supporters of former President Donald Trump who are embracing methods of overturning election results and moving control of elections to partisan politicians rather than bipartisan panels.”

“Gov. Tony Evers has spent the past four years delivering on kitchen table issues — and he’s just getting started,” said DGA Senior Communications Advisor Christina Amestoy. **“Thanks to Gov. Evers’ leadership, Wisconsin has a historic budget surplus and record-low unemployment. Gov. Evers has a plan to build on these successes by putting money back in Wisconsinites’ pockets, investing in education, and supporting small businesses, veterans, and rural communities.”**