Property Taxpayers Foot the Bill for Private Schools

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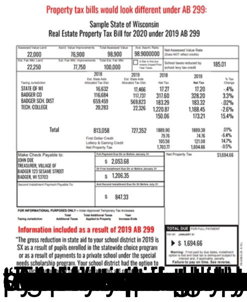
As families open their property tax bills, they won't see the whole story.

MADISON – This month, families across Wisconsin will be receiving their property tax bill in the mail. As property taxes continue to climb in Wisconsin transparency becomes even more important. While property tax documents generally give a breakdown of what the money is going towards, there is one line item that Wisconsinites will not see: how much money from each homeowner is going to pay for private voucher schools. Earlier this session, Representative Jodi Emerson (D-Eau Claire) introduced Assembly Bill 299, which would allow homeowners to see the impact of private voucher schools on their property tax bill by listing the gross reduction in state aid to their school district caused by resident students enrolling in a voucher school.

Assembly Democratic Leader Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) released data Thursday showing the statewide impact of the voucher program on taxpayers. Representative Hintz released the following statement on the importance of this data and the legislation that would increase transparency:



Property tax bills would look different under AB 299:

Sample State of Wisconsin
Real Estate Property Tax Bill for 2020 under 2019 AB 299

Assessed Value Land	Ass'd. Value Improvements	Total Assessed Value	Ave. Assmt. Ratio	Net Assessed Value Rate (Does NOT reflect credits)
22,000	76,900	98,900	98.9000000	
Est. Fair Mkt. Land	Est. Fair Mkt. Improvements	Total Est. Fair Mkt.	☐ A Star in this box means Unpaid Prior Year Taxes	School taxes reduced by school levy tax credit 185.01
22,250	77,750	100,000		

Taxing Jurisdiction	2018 Est. State Aids Allocated Tax Dist.	2019 Est. State Aids Allocated Tax Dist.	2018 Net Tax	2019 Net Tax	% Tax Change
STATE OF WI	16,632	17,466	17.27	17.20	-.4%
BADGER CO	116,684	117,737	317.60	328.20	3.3%
BADGER SCH. DIST	659,459	569,823	183.29	183.32	-.02%
TECH. COLLEGE	20,283	22,326	1,220.87	1,188.45	-2.6%
			150.06	173.21	15.4%
Total	813,058	727,352	1889.90	1889.38	.01%
First Dollar Credit			79.76	74.76	-6.4%
Lottery & Gaming Credit			105.56	121.08	14.7%
Net Property Tax			1,703.77	1,694.66	-0.5%

Make Check Payable to:
JOHN DOE
TREASURER, VILLAGE OF
BADGER 123 SESAME STREET
BADGER, WI 53703

Full Payment Due On or Before January 31
$ 2,053.68

Or First Installment Due On or Before January 31
$ 1,206.35

Second Installment Payment Payable To:

And Second Installment Due On Or Before July 31
$ 847.33

Net Property Tax $1,694.66

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY – Voter-Approved Temporary Tax Increases

Taxing Jurisdiction	Total Additional Taxes	Total Additional Taxes Applied to Property	Year Increase Ends

Information included as a result of 2019 AB 299

"The gross reduction in state aid to your school district in 2019 is $X as a result of pupils enrolled in the statewide choice program or as a result of payments to a private school under the special needs scholarship program. Your school district had the option to

TOTAL DUE FOR FULL PAYMENT
PAY BY JANUARY 31
▶ $ 1,694.66

Warning: If not paid by due dates, installment option is lost and total tax is delinquent subject to interest and, if applicable, penalty.
Failure to pay on time. See reverse.

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