

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:

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Information included as a result of 2019 AB 299

"The gross reduction in state aid to your school district in 2019 is \$18 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