

Gov. Evers Radio Address on Public Schools Week

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers Thursday delivered the Democratic Radio Address on Public Schools Week and his plan to invest in public education to ensure that every kid in Wisconsin has access to high-quality, public education from early childhood to K-12, to Wisconsin's universities and technical colleges.

[Audio file of radio address](#) .



Hi everyone, Governor Tony Evers here.

The COVID-19 pandemic have affected all of us this past year—it's affected how we live, learn, work, and communicate.

Nobody knows that better than our kids, parents, and educators who seemingly overnight had to adapt to learning and teaching from their kitchen tables over a thing called Zoom.

I know it hasn't been easy, but as we celebrate Public Schools Week this week, I wanted to take a moment to say thank you.

As they always do, our educators have gone above and beyond to make sure our kids get the best education possible.

Because they believe, as I do, that what's best for our kids is what's best for our state.

And at the end of the day, we know if we're going to bounce back from COVID-19, then we

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have to start by making sure our kids are better off than when we started this pandemic.

That's why my 2021-2023 budget proposal puts our kids first by restoring our commitment to two-thirds funding for our schools, investing \$709 million in special education reimbursement, fully funding sparsity aid for our most rural schools, and investing more than \$50 million in student mental health resources.

Every kid in our state should have access to high-quality, public education from early childhood to our university and technical college systems. And we have work to do to make that happen.

So, happy Public Schools Week, Wisconsin. Let's get this done for our kids, for our schools, and for our state's future.□

Thank you.