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From Wispolitics: Court Upholds 400-Year Veto

A split state Supreme Court **today upheld** Dem Gov. Tony Evers' veto in the 2023-25 budget that wrote into state law for the next four centuries annual increases in how much schools can spend per student.

The budget lawmakers sent to Evers called for an increase of \$325 a year per student in both 2023-24 and 2024-25. Evers struck the "20" and a dash from the reference for "2024-25." That changed the end date to "2425."

The court in a 4-3 ruling rejected a challenge to Evers' veto, ruling he had validly exercised his partial veto authority.

The decision had been highly anticipated by GOP lawmakers, who said they wanted to see a decision before proceeding with the state budget.

DPI Sends Final Communication to USDE

In its **final letter** regarding the certification request issued today, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) affirmed that the state's schools are in compliance with federal law. The letter also included previously signed assurances from all 460 local education agencies in Wisconsin—standard documentation required as part of the federal grant process.

This communication follows an earlier letter sent by DPI on April 9 requesting clarification from the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) about both the intent and legality of its request. As of now, DPI has not received a response to that request. Additional updates and resources will be provided as DPI awaits a reply to its final letter from the USDE.

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions you may have.

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