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### Stanford Taylor statement on Gov. Evers’ budget proposal for student mental health needs

MADISON – State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor released a statement today on Gov. Tony Evers’ proposed 2021-2023 biennial budget provision of more than \$50 million dollars for student mental health programs and resources.

“Thank you to Governor Tony Evers for addressing the crucial need to invest in school and community-based mental and behavioral health programming and supports for the students of Wisconsin. Prior to the pandemic, at least one in five students faced a mental health issue, and nearly 60% of high schoolers self-reported significant mental health needs. The needs of students are compounded by COVID-19, transitioning to virtual learning, being away from friends and family, and other stressors. This funding is critical to expanding and building the capacity of school staff to provide mental health services.”

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