



Tony Evers

Office of the Governor | State of Wisconsin

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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 597 in its entirety.

This bill would allow private choice schools to adopt an early admission policy for four-year-old kindergarten, five-year-old kindergarten, and first grade, and to count that child toward choice program membership.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to creating a scenario that would likely increase property taxes. Currently, new students enrolling in private schools in the Wisconsin Parental Choice program and Racine Parental Choice program are effectively entirely funded by local school district's property taxes through a revenue limit adjustment and reductions in their state general aid. This bill would add to the pupil count that fuels the state general aid reduction, likely resulting in school districts recovering the lost state revenue through increases in their local property taxes.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tony Evers".

Tony Evers
Governor