



Tony Evers

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 614 in its entirety.

This bill creates statutory definitions for a variety of student behaviors applied with respect to the removal of students from class due to disruption or violence, and including consideration as to whether the behavior relates to a special education student's individualized education program. I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to the Wisconsin State Legislature encroaching upon the daily decision making of schools and school district boards and creating a new unfunded mandate for school districts.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge that I have given the Legislature repeated opportunities to invest in behavioral and mental health supports for our kids in school, including hundreds of millions of dollars to support kids' mental health that I asked the Legislature to approve in consecutive state budgets. Unfortunately, Republican lawmakers have rejected most of those investments, approving just a fraction of the resources I requested. If the Legislature is, indeed, interested in ensuring kids who have increased mental and behavioral health needs are supported and safe in school—and ensuring educators and staff are supported and safe, too—then the Legislature should approve the investments I have requested to bolster mental and behavioral health services in schools across our state.

Our kids are struggling perhaps now more than ever—the solution is not to micromanage schools with unfunded mandates from Madison, it is to invest in ensuring schools across our state have the resources they need to support our kids.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tony Evers' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tony Evers
Governor