Governor Evers UW System 2019-21 Budget Proposal

- Increase funding by $43,692,600 in FY20 and $65,992,600 in FY21.

- The budget also provides **$40.4 million for a 2% pay plan increase** for UW System employees in each fiscal year, bringing the total increase investment in UW System to **$150 million**.

- Capacity Building Initiatives: UW System will receive a **$45 million increase** over the biennium, $20 million in FY20 and $25 in FY21, to distribute to each campus to allow them to meet the individualized needs of their regions, including allowing institutions to provide access to high demand fields, such as STEM, healthcare, and business. Additionally, institutions will be able to enhance student services and academic support.

- UW Colleges – Student Support Services: To ensure that student support services are not sacrificed during UW System’s restructure, the budget will provide **$5 million over the biennium**.

- Freeze Undergraduate Resident Tuition + Fund the Freeze: The Governor’s budget will freeze undergraduate resident tuition but will provide UW System with **$50.4 million over the biennium** to fund the freeze.

- Nurse Educators Program: The Governor’s budget provides **$10 million in FY20** for the nurse educators program.

- UW-Extension County Agriculture Representatives: This provision provides **$3.5 million and 20 FTE** for UW-Extension County Agriculture Representatives.

- The Governor’s budget provides **$500,000 over the biennium** for the LEAF program, a K-12 forestry education program.

- Resident Tuition for Undocumented Residents: This proposal will allow undocumented Wisconsin residents to pay resident tuition rates at UW System and WTCS.

- Student Loan Refinancing Authority Study: This proposal provides $50,000 for a student loan refinancing authority study involving the Department of Financial Institutions, the Higher Educational Aids Board, and the State Treasurer.

- Wisconsin Grants: This proposal provides an additional **$17.4 million** for need-based grants to resident undergraduate students.
Overview

- We applaud Governor Evers’ commitment to funding higher education and the UW System in his budget announcement. He understands an investment in higher education is vital to growing Wisconsin’s talent pipeline, improving lives, and providing opportunities for Wisconsinites to earn higher wages.

- By fully funding a tuition freeze in his budget, Governor Evers is committed to preserving the quality of education critical to student success.

- The UW System helps build vibrant communities throughout Wisconsin and provides a tremendous 23-to-1 return on investment. Governor Evers' UW budget announcement recognizes the strength of this investment.

- The announced investment by the Governor is great news for all of Wisconsin. We look forward to working with the Governor and legislators to advance our shared priorities.