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Statement from Rep. Barca on further Walker education cuts

MADISON – MADISON – Gov. Scott Walker’s administration released a series of cuts Friday afternoon that were included in his budget, but had not previously been detailed. Below is a response from Assembly Democratic leader Peter Barca (D-Kenosha).

“Today’s budget cuts are again disproportionately targeted at one of the worst places to hit in a difficult economy: our Wisconsin public education system. Gov. Walker’s budget slashed public schools while giving additional millions to private voucher schools and it cut nearly a third of state dollars for job training at technical colleges. Now the UW System is losing millions more on top of a previous \$250 million cut and will likely have to cut economic development programs, classes and much more.

“Education is vital to the recovery and stability of our state’s economy. It prepares people for jobs – training and retraining – in this rough economy. This latest draconian cut targeting our universities explains why Wisconsin is one of the worst states for job losses since the governor passed his economic plan in the budget.

“And Gov. Walker’s calculated announcement of these cuts that undermine our state’s economy at a time when most people are focused on holidays with their families is a bad sign for openness, transparency and public input in the coming year.”

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