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EXCLUSIVE: State Budget Update from Madison - What to Expect Next

- The State budget is expected to be voted on this week (week of June 24) by the Assembly and the Senate and then sent to Governor Evers. Both chambers must pass the same bill.
- The Assembly will take up the budget first on Tuesday, June 25.
- The Senate is expected to consider the Assembly's version of the budget on Wednesday, June 26.
- The budget bill is expected to be delivered directly to the Governor immediately after passage by the Senate.
- The Governor has 6 business days to sign the budget bill. Because of the weekend and the 4th of July holiday, some folks think the deadline for the Governor to sign will be around July 5.
- Wisconsin law allows the Governor to partially veto sections of the budget. He may remove entire sections or reduce appropriations in any areas. He may not add language or create new words/combine sentences. He can also veto the entire budget.

Here is more on the state budget process:

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/informational_papers/january_2019/0073_state_budget_process_informational_paper_73.pdf

What to Watch for:

Many people expect Governor Evers to veto some parts of the budget.

If the Governor vetoes the budget it would go back the "house of origin" (in this case, the Assembly) for re-consideration.

The Assembly Speaker has indicated the Assembly will not be back in session until the October floor period. This date is concerning for school districts which depend on receiving their general aid increases in September.

Watch for these 3 options from the Governor after he receives the budget bill from the legislature:

1. Sign with limited line-item vetoes in certain sections
2. Use a partial veto of just the 2nd year of the budget. Call the legislature back to consider year 2 funding.
3. Veto the entire budget.