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TO: Members, Assembly Committee on Urban and Local Affairs
FROM: Dan Rossmiller, Government Relations Director
DATE: August 30, 2011
RE: **Assembly Joint Resolution 46**, relating to funding in bills placing requirements on local units of government.

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards *supports* Assembly Joint Resolution 46.

Assembly Joint Resolution 46 is a constitutional amendment proposed to the 2011 legislature on first consideration that, if adopted and ratified, would prohibit the legislature from passing any bill that places a requirement on a local governmental unit unless the bill contains an appropriation that reimburses the local governmental unit for the full cost of complying with the requirement. Assembly Joint Resolution 46 would not prohibit the governor from vetoing an appropriation contained in a bill that creates such a requirement.

The members of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, represented by delegates to the annual WASB Delegate Assembly have clearly stated their opposition to unfunded mandates through the adoption of the following resolution:

“The WASB opposes the implementation of any legislative mandates or administrative rules applicable to public school districts affecting the delivery, content or conduct of education, programming or support services unless they come with a legislative commitment by the state or federal government to permanently fund 100 percent of the actual cost or can be implemented at no cost. School districts should receive state or federal funding to comply with all mandates or rules that require additional training or staffing.”

Support for this resolution was reiterated at the 2011 Delegate Assembly held in Milwaukee on January 19, 2011.

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