

What's Hot

Wondering what is going on with our Schools and the latest bill in Wisconsin?

On **March 23 at 10am**, the State Senate Committee will be holding a hearing on Education as they consider [Senate Bill 22](#) which is related to: creating a Charter School Authorizing Board, providing additional charter school authorizers, eliminating the limit on the number of pupils who may attend virtual charter schools, modifying teacher licensure requirements, eliminating the limit on the reduction in general school aid used to fund independent charter schools, covering certain charter school employees under the Group Insurance Board health coverage plan for local government employees, allowing a charter school to elect to participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

- Read the bill for yourself by [clicking here](#)
- [Click here for "Public Schools for the Public Good" thoughts](#)

Read the proposed WI Budget Repair Bill for yourself

Want to see what was passed by the Senate (Ayes-18, Nays-1, Not Voting-14) on March 9th and by the Assembly (Ayes-51, Nays-17, Not Voting-28) on March 10th, [click here to see the JR1AB11-CA1 bill a 138 page document.](#)

The original bill with all the financial components can be found here (144 pages):

- <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/2011/data/JR1SB-11.pdf>
- If you would like to read a summary of the bill, [click here to read this article from the Green Bay Press Gazette.](#)

You can find out more about the **State of Wisconsin 2011-13 Executive Budget** as proposed by Governor Scott Walker on March 1, 2011 by [clicking here](#).

- To read the [Wisconsin Counties Association](#) Preliminary Analysis of State Budget, [click here](#).
- To read all 1,345 pages of the **Senate Budget Bill 27**, [click here](#).

You can learn more about the **LOCAL impacts** of Governor Walker's Budget Bills at a Community Forum being held on **March 22 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM** at the **DODGEVILLE Middle School gym** (951 W. Chapel St, Dodgeville, WI). The goal of this forum is to help inform Iowa County residents of the contents of Governor Walker's budget and repair bills and their effects on our communities. Each presentation will be approximately 5 minutes. A question and answer session will be held after all panelists have presented.

- Welcome & Ground Rules - Chuck Tennessen, Moderator
- County Perspective - Bill Grover, Supervisor, Iowa County Board

- County Health Care Perspective - Dr. Aaron Dunn, Director Community Connections Free Clinic, Dodgeville and Deb Ehr, Disability Benefits Specialist, Iowa County Health & Human Services
- Arts Perspective - Ann Katz, Executive Director, Arts Wisconsin and Doug Miller, Executive Director, Folklore Village
- Library Perspective - Vickie Stangel, Director, Dodgeville Public Library
- Environmental Perspective - Dave Clutter, Executive Director, Driftless Area Land Conservancy
- Recycling Perspective - Ed Faherty, Faherty Incorporated, Platteville
- Education Perspective - Diane Messer, Superintendent, Dodgeville School District; Mike Humke, Treasurer, Dodgeville School District Board of Education; Maureen "Mo" May-Grimm, Treasurer, Mineral Point School District Board of Education; Caleb White, Director of Fiscal Services, Southwest Tech, Fennimore

Let the Iowa County Board know your thoughts. At the March 2, 2011 Health and Human Services Committee meeting the Budget Repair Bill Impact to Iowa County was discussed and this was the outcome:

Supervisor Grover expressed concern regarding the budget repair bill which he feels is effectively taking legislative control away for modifying the MA eligibility and program criteria. Motion by Sup. Grover, second by Sup. Mrozinski to forward to the full county board a resolution that the Iowa County Board objects to the 2011 budget repair bill recommendation of MA program change being empowered to the Department of Health Services Secretary and the Joint Finance Committee as opposed to the full legislative body. Motion carried 6-0 with Sup. Meek abstaining.

At the Iowa County Board meeting on March 15, 2011 the vote on this resolution was postponed until the next Board meeting which will be held on **April 19, 2011 at 7p.m.** The Health and Human Services Committee has been asked to provide Board members with more information on the issue. The next Health and Human Services meeting is April 6, 2011. To see the full agenda for the Board meeting in April go to the Iowa County website at <http://iowacounty.org/> and click on the Minutes and Agenda button, then the County Board link, then 2011, then April Agenda. The minutes from the March meeting can be found there too.

[You can read what happened at the Senator Schultz Public Hearing as reported by The Dodgeville Chronicle](#) on the Budget Repair Bill on Mon., Feb. 28, 6 p.m. in Dodgeville at the Dodgeville High School Gymnasium. Many people from the Dodgeville Community and surrounding areas were there to engage in the dialogue.



If you are so inclined, leave a comment on our [facebook page \(click here\)](#) about the bill.