

A SOURCE OF GOOD INFORMATION

Dear Taxpayers,

This has been a Most Interesting day here at your State Capitol to say the least. Here is a quick summary of things you might want to be aware of:

1) Senate Democrats Make a Trip to Illinois - At some point during the Wisconsin Senate proceedings today, several Senate Democrats deemed it necessary to make a trip to Illinois rather than working on solutions to our **\$3.6 Billion** budget deficit.

If you have not seen this footage already, here is the Rockford Tea Party helping to shoo two of Wisconsin's Democrat Senators back to our side of the border.

Video (1 Minute): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kxKk3DSW6Sk>

2) Senator Grothman on CNN - If you are awake at 6 a.m. (Friday), feel free to tune in to CNN as Senator Grothman will be debating another Wisconsin Democrat Senator that we are told is staying somewhere in the Chicago area. The time has come for a sobering conversation about the need to put Wisconsin's financial house back in order.

3) Little Children on the March at the Capitol - Little children looking to be elementary school age have been brought into the Capitol protest that took place today. One little girl who was standing outside our window from Independence, Wisconsin, told us that she was here yesterday and today but wasn't sure if she is coming back tomorrow. She said she wasn't sure why she is here other than her teacher told her they had to be here as their school was going to lose a lot of money.

Taxpayers, do you think it is appropriate for little kids to be used in this manner? Parents, do you know where your children are these days?

4) Has Your School District Been Plagued with a Rash of "Sick Outs?" - Throughout the day, we have taken numerous phone calls from distressed taxpayers inquiring about school districts that are abdicating their responsibilities to students, parents, and taxpayers. Here is an interesting post on one of my favorite blogs (*Boots & Sabers*) from an administrator stating,

"Staff that chooses to take action tomorrow will be subject to loss of wages and potential disciplinary action.

If the district has to call off school, we will consider extending the school year."

Full article:

http://www.bootsandsabers.com/index.php/weblog/permalink/west_bend_schools_stance/

Teacher Salary/Compensation:

<http://www.postcrescent.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/99999999/APC0110/80221166>

"In the 2008-2009 school year, Wisconsin's average salary for all teachers was \$50,424."

page 666, Wisconsin Blue Book - <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/lrb/bb/09bb/index.htm>

Average per pupil spending (2008-2009): \$12,471 -

page 666, Wisconsin Blue Book - <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/lrb/bb/09bb/index.htm>

5) Keeping Informed. - If you would like the latest updates on what will be happening at your State Capitol tomorrow, please see:

Vicki McKenna at 10 a.m. - http://www.newstalk1130.com/pages/vicki_mckenna.html

Vicki McKenna at 3:06 p.m. with Senator Grothman -
<http://www.wiba.com/pages/vicki.html>

Charlie Sykes - (Senator Grothman was on today) -
<http://www.620wtmj.com/shows/charliesykes>

Mark Belling - 3 p.m. - <http://www.belling.com/>

Wispolitics: <http://wispolitics.com/>

The Wheeler Report: <http://www.thewheelerreport.com/>

6) Out-of-State Protestors Coming to Madison on Friday? - The word we have received is that busloads of out-of-state protestors will be at the Capitol on Friday. If this should prove true, it's most interesting out-of-state folks are taking such an active interest in our **\$3.6 Billion** budget deficit. Do you think ACORN, etc., will be visiting our state?

Stay tuned....

Tonight, chanting protestors with drums are still here at the Capitol. I hope this information is helpful to you as this is a defining moment in Wisconsin. As always, feel free to share this information with others.

Have a good night.

Working for Wisconsin's Families,