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Governor Tony Evers' proposed 2019-21 UW System operating budget

- Increase funding by \$43,692,600 in FY20 and \$65,992,600 in FY21.
- The budget also provides **\$40.4 million for a 2% pay plan increase** for UW System employees in January of each fiscal year, bringing the total increase investment in UW System to **\$150 million**.
- Capacity Building Initiatives: UW System will receive a **\$45 million** increase over the biennium, \$20 million in FY20 and \$25 in FY21, to distribute to each campus to allow them to meet the individualized needs of their regions. UW-Eau Claire's capacity building initiatives include the Nursing for Northwest Wisconsin initiative based in Barron County, and new health sciences programs in bioinformatics and biomedical engineering.
- UW Colleges – Student Support Services: To ensure that student support services are not sacrificed during UW System's restructure, the budget will provide **\$5 million over the biennium**.
- Freeze Undergraduate Resident Tuition: The governor's budget will freeze undergraduate resident tuition but will provide UW System with **\$50.4 million over the biennium** to provide resources for operations.
- Nurse Educators Program: The governor's budget provides **\$10 million in FY20** for the nurse educators program.
- UW-Extension County Agriculture Representatives: This provision provides **\$3.5 million and 20 FTE** for UW-Extension County Agriculture Representatives.
- The governor's budget provides **\$500,000 over the biennium** for the LEAF program, a K-12 forestry education program.
- Resident Tuition for Undocumented Residents: This proposal will allow undocumented Wisconsin residents to pay resident tuition rates at UW System and WTCS.
- Student Loan Refinancing Authority Study: This proposal provides \$50,000 for a student loan refinancing authority study involving the Department of Financial Institutions, the Higher Educational Aids Board, and the State Treasurer.
- Wisconsin Grants: This proposal provides an additional \$17.4 million for need-based grants to resident undergraduate students.