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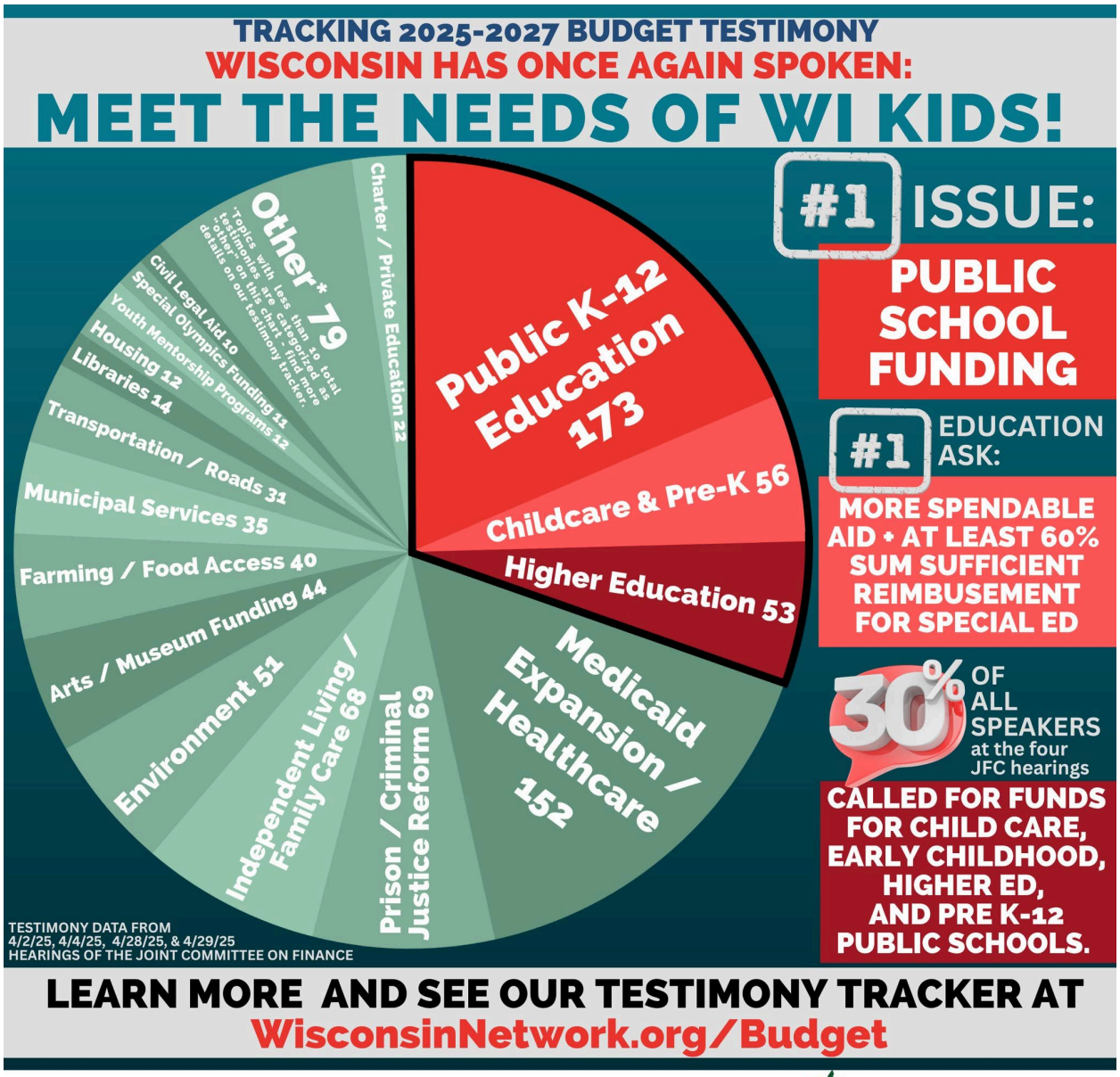
## 2025-2027 Budget Action Toolkit: Resources & Actions

***Budget action starts with you!*** As you meet and chat with members of your own community — caregivers, educators, fellow advocates, and more — be ready to explain what's at stake for kids and public schools in the budget. Then, invite them into the budget action movement so they're ready to take action, too!

- **Toolkit -** link to this document
- **Budget HQ:** https://www.wisconsinnetwork.org/budget
    - Talking points: **Budget priorities handout** / printable Spanish version here
    - Calendar of Wisconsin Public Education Network events
- **Presentation materials:**
    - **Short slideshow** (4 SIMPLE slides for short presentations)
    - Longer slideshow (email hdb@WisconsinNetwork.org for access and customization)
- **SHAREABLE links (email/Zoom meeting chats/etc):** *Put these two sentences in the chat of your Zooms, signature line, etc!*
    - Learn about the state budget process, what it means for WI kids & public schools, and how to take action! www.WisconsinNetwork.org/budget
    - Sign & share the petition to close the funding gap for Wisconsin students! This petition calls for 90% reimbursement for Special Education! https://secure.everyaction.com/9b0TylpickCnZOHjQXD2Ww2
    - **Sign our letter to Governor Evers calling on him to reject any budget that does not meet Wisconsin's needs & priorities:** sign on here and share widely (both individuals and organizations may sign).

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- **Testimony Tracker from the 2025 Joint Finance Hearings**




Share this testimony tally graphic from facebook: https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BPcPwMR12/?mibextid=wwXIfr

- **Members of the Joint Committee of Finance** (with copy/pastable emails!).
- Find your lawmakers here.
- **Schedule of listening sessions** for all legislators *(thanks, WECAN!)*
- **Video, two minutes of testimony**: Dena Walcsiak testimony from Day of Action
- **Crafting** your testimony worksheet, pro-tips and more!

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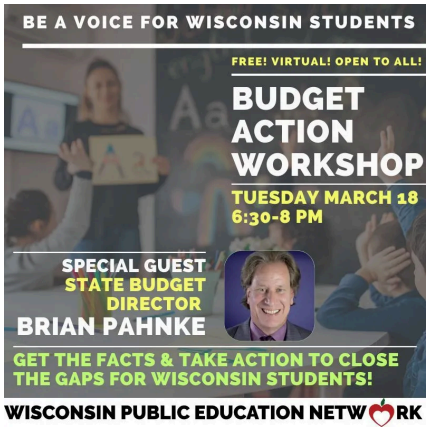
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## Members of the 2025 Joint Committee on Finance:

Representative Born (Co-Chair)
Senator Marklein (Co-Chair)
Representative Kurtz (Vice-Chair)
Senator Testin (Vice-Chair)

Senator Wimberger
Senator Stafsholt
Senator Bradley
Senator Quinn
Senator L. Johnson
Senator Roys

Representative Zimmerman
Representative Rodriguez
Representative Dallman
Representative Hurd
Representative McGuire
Representative Andraca




**3/18 Budget Action Workshop**

**Video: March 18 2025**
**Budget Action Workshop featuring Brian Pahnke**
**Passcode: %jD$5C4**

**Workshop Slideshow**

**2025 Budget Action Toolkit**

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## Legislative Advocacy/Testimony Tools

**You have a finite amount of time to deliver an official testimony, but you have unlimited time to amplify your message, build a productive relationship with your lawmaker, and grow your movement of public school champions.**

**Some of the ways you can reach lawmakers include:**

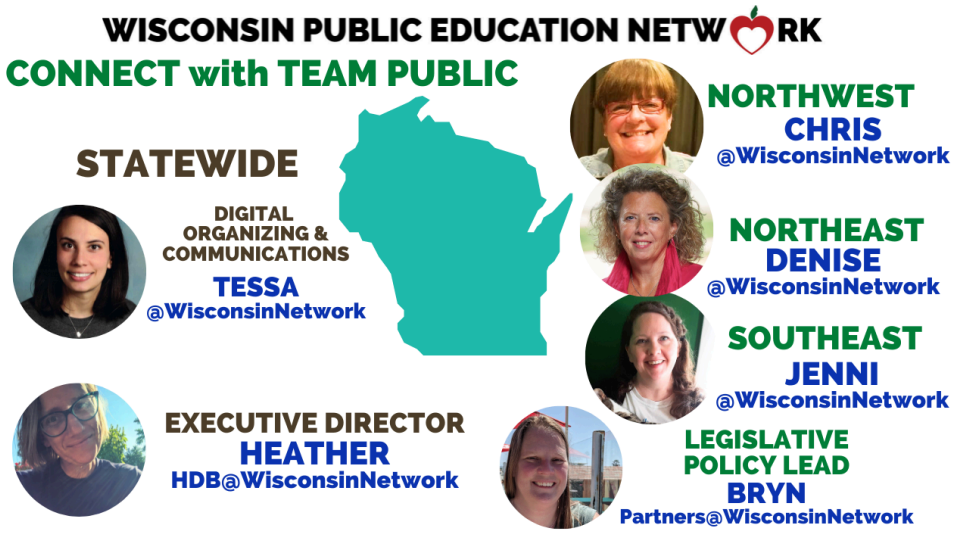
- **Testimony (written or in person)**
- **Office visits**
- **Direct communication**
- **Town halls/forums**
- **Invite them to meet you where you are - and visit local schools!**

**Further resources on legislative advocacy and testimony:**

- 2025 Legislative Advocacy Tips document
- Legislative Advocacy Scenario Activity — with sample group notes for facilitators
- Joint Finance Committee Testimony (example: Deb, 2019)
- 2021 written and video testimony from Network Partners, plus tutorials and *testimony trackers.*

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