Support Blue Ribbon Commission on School Funding Proposal to Create a Revenue Limit Adjustment for Cost of School Nursing

January 4, 2019 Report from the Blue Ribbon Commission on School Funding:

**Recommendation:** “The Commission recommends that the Legislature consider providing revenue limit adjustments for… school nurse costs (along with other important school needs).”

**Governor’s Budget:** The Fair Funding for Our Future plan includes a revenue limit adjustment for school districts to identify and fix lead contamination in the school district’s buildings.

**Why a School Nurse Revenue Limit Adjustment Should Be Considered:**

- School districts need to address the vital health needs of their students and maintain a healthy environment for all employees and families.

- A revenue limit would not mandate that any money be spent; it would simply give school districts the flexibility they may need.

- It will have no impact on the state’s budget/deficit.

- Any fiscal impact at the local level will be negligible (the cost of school nursing is a tiny part of an overall school district budget).

**Wisconsin Once Had a Revenue Limit Adjustment for School Nurse Costs.**

- The 2009-11 state budget created a revenue limit increase for school nurse compensation costs. It specified that salary and fringe benefit costs of school nurses providing nursing services in a school district under a contract with a school board were eligible for the adjustment, and the adjustment was equal to the amount spent by the district in the second-previous year.

- The school nurse revenue limit adjustment was eliminated in the 2011-13 state budget, along with other revenue limit adjustments.