

The Republican Legislators and Governor Evers have agreed to increase the low revenue limit for school districts from \$10,000 to \$11,000 per student. This is great news for Cornell as we have been at the bottom of the revenue limit for 30 years since we were a low spending district in 1993. We have been fortunate to not have to go to referendum yet to exceed the revenue cap in order to operate the district.

We have been a part of the AEF (Association for Equity in Funding) since its inception to advocate for more equity in funding per student as there are district that receive several thousand more dollars per student than those of us that are at or near the low revenue limit. In order to retract and retain high quality personnel to deliver a high quality education, we need to be competitive with compensation. We also need to be competitive with academic programs and courses; otherwise students can choose from a variety of public, private, virtual and/or charter schools for their education.

While some people say education is not like a business, in many ways it really is. Education is a service business. In order to serve the community and students well, we need to have appropriate funding. The action taken this year by the state is a step in the right direction for providing more equity in funding to the school districts of Wisconsin.