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Same children. Same need. A different answer.

Every Milwaukee student should be funded fairly. DPI's budget picks and chooses.

It would widen the funding gap for Milwaukee's charter and choice students to $440 million a year.

$285M	+	$155M	=	$440M
Unequal funding today, a year		More added by DPI's budget, a year		New total gap under DPI, a year

A year, by CFC's estimate. About $880 million over the two-year budget.

- **Why it matters:** DPI adds funding for low-income students and English learners, but only in district schools.
  - **Low-income:** 80% at MPS, 82% at charter schools and 82% at private choice schools (CFC data, 2025-26).
  - **English learners:** 18% at MPS and 14% at independent charter schools (DPI, 2025-26).
  - **None of the new funding** reaches the same students in charter and private choice schools.
- **By the numbers:** each falls about $3,400 a year further behind a child with the same needs at MPS.
- **The big picture:** need-based funding should follow the child. DPI's follows the building.
- **The fix:** the same weights for every low-income student and English learner, in every school. Nothing comes out of MPS.
- **The ask:** legislators, don't start from DPI's request. Fund every Milwaukee child.

District by district: how much further behind

District	Legislator (2027)	Charter/ choice students	Share in charter/ choice	Current lost funding	New DPI proposal	Total lost funding under DPI
Senate 3	Tim Carpenter	17,832	48%	-$111.7M	-$60.6M	-$172.4M
Senate 4	Dora Drake	12,663	50%	-$79.4M	-$43.1M	-$122.4M
Senate 6	LaTonya Johnson	11,158	43%	-$69.9M	-$37.9M	-$107.9M
Senate 5	Robyn Vining	1,684	67%	-$10.6M	-$5.7M	-$16.3M
Senate 7	Chris Larson	1,669	15%	-$10.5M	-$5.7M	-$16.1M
Senate 21	Trevor Jung	435	36%	-$2.7M	-$1.5M	-$4.2M
Assembly 8	Ismael Luna	11,555	61%	-$72.4M	-$39.3M	-$111.7M
Assembly 12	Russell Antonio Goodwin, Sr.	5,662	58%	-$35.5M	-$19.3M	-$54.7M
Assembly 9	Priscilla Prado	4,854	48%	-$30.4M	-$16.5M	-$46.9M
Assembly 18	Margaret Arney	4,362	50%	-$27.3M	-$14.8M	-$42.2M
Assembly 16	Kalan Haywood	4,357	43%	-$27.3M	-$14.8M	-$42.1M
Assembly 11	Sequanna Taylor	4,100	41%	-$25.7M	-$13.9M	-$39.6M
Assembly 10	Darrin Madison	2,901	50%	-$18.2M	-$9.9M	-$28.0M
Assembly 17	Supreme Moore Omokunde	2,439	35%	-$15.3M	-$8.3M	-$23.6M
Assembly 7	Karen Kirsch	1,423	17%	-$8.9M	-$4.8M	-$13.8M
Assembly 14	Angelito Tenorio	1,266	61%	-$7.9M	-$4.3M	-$12.2M
Assembly 19	Ryan Clancy	953	22%	-$6.0M	-$3.2M	-$9.2M
Assembly 20	Christine Sinicki	432	11%	-$2.7M	-$1.5M	-$4.2M
Assembly 61	Ben Brist	426	36%	-$2.7M	-$1.4M	-$4.1M
Assembly 21	Daniel J. Bukiewicz	284	11%	-$1.8M	-$1.0M	-$2.7M

***Lost funding**: how much less a year the district's charter and choice students receive than MPS students. Current + new DPI proposal = total.*
***Method**: CFC's citywide estimate from DPI data (Nov. 2026), divided by each district's share of city charter and choice students (2024-25). DPI hasn't released its weighting details. Figures are rounded.*

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