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Penny Larson, president of the Wisconsin PTA, a member of the School Finance Network, today issued the following statement on behalf of SFN regarding the Governor's budget announcement:

“During tough economic times, we are very appreciative of Governor Doyle’s recognition of the importance of education, children and public schools around the state. This attention to school funding is a positive step forward in recognizing the importance of protecting districts from further cuts.

“The School Finance Network plan to change the way public schools are funded in Wisconsin offers a good platform for further discussion on an important statewide issue that seeks to preserve Wisconsin’s tradition of providing a quality education to students.

“Along with the Governor, Congressman Dave Obey also deserves thanks for recognizing the importance of a strong economy and its links to a quality education.

“The SFN hopes that this new framework for discussion will begin to address flaws that exist in the current system and move Wisconsin public education forward. We look forward to a public hearing before the Assembly Education Committee on March 24 and in continuing to provide the public additional information on our Web site at www.sfnwisconsin.org.”