



**School Administrators Alliance**  
*Representing the Interests of Wisconsin School Children*

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**To:** Joint Committee on Finance  
**From:** John Forester, Director of Government Relations  
**Date:** February 15, 2011  
**Re:** 2011 Special Session Senate Bill 11

On behalf of the School Administrators Alliance (SAA), and the more than 3,000 public school administrators we represent throughout Wisconsin, I am writing today to express my opposition to 2011 Special Session Senate Bill 11 – the Governor’s Budget Adjustment Bill.

I’m sure the SAA’s position will be surprising to some. As you know, the SAA has not been shy about seeking changes in Wisconsin’s collective bargaining laws. We believe it is vitally important that school leaders have the flexibility to move both financial and human resources in order to raise achievement and meet the needs of all students. For your information, I have attached the SAA Labor Relations Reform Package to this statement. This document was adopted by the SAA Legislative Committee as part of our 2011-12 Legislative Agenda.

In developing this reform package, the SAA sought a sustainable re-balancing of the school labor/management relationship here in Wisconsin. Clearly, the Governor’s proposal goes much further than this.

Our concern all along has been that we not go too far in our re-balancing efforts and end up damaging the education profession and public education in Wisconsin. Whatever we end up doing, our policies must encourage the best and the brightest to view the education profession as a viable and attractive career option. Our children deserve nothing less.

The Governor’s proposed changes to the collective bargaining laws are huge in scope and deserve more than just a few days of thoughtful deliberation. Please consider removing the collective bargaining provisions from the bill and debating them separately.

The SAA will look to engage in continuing dialogue with Governor Walker, the Legislature and all affected parties about the issues raised in the Budget Adjustment Bill.

Thank you for your consideration of our views. If you have questions about the SAA’s position on this bill, please call me at (608) 242-1370.

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