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**LASEE ASKS SCHOOL BOARDS NOT TO PULL THE WOOL OVER
TAXPAYER'S EYES**

Madison—State Senator Alan Lasee (R-DePere) will be introducing legislation that will only allow school referendums to be held on regular election days. This bill is in response to the expected multi-million dollar referendums that the Madison School Board will be placing on the ballot for the month of May. “We need to give each taxpayer the ability to have their voice heard and vote counted for increases in their tax bill. This practice of pulling the wool over the taxpayer’s eyes needs to stop immediately. The school boards need to be contained from ramming through multi-million dollar referendums when no one is expecting a vote,” said Lasee.

The Madison School District will be looking to have a referendum on building maintenance, a new elementary school and operating costs. “There needs to be uniformity and predictability for the voters, as their pocketbooks are being effected each time a school referendum is held,” said Lasee. “A referendum, such as the one proposed in Madison, may costs taxpayers as much as \$183 extra each year. That increase may be the difference of allowing an elderly taxpayer to purchase the co-payments for their prescription drugs or going without,” exclaimed Lasee.

“The Madison School Superintendent and School Board members know that the percentage of eligible voters drops dramatically at certain elections and especially an election in the summer. There is no question in my mind that the Madison school administrators are scheduling this multi-million dollar referendum in May to avoid high turnout and slam an enormous tax increase through when the taxpayers are on vacation,” concluded Lasee.