Big Foot Area Schools Association

A Cooperative Association of Public Schools in the Big Foot High School District

February 16, 2026

Dear Representative August,

Thank you for your continued leadership in Madison. We appreciate your time, expertise, and careful consideration in all that you do on behalf of our communities and state. **We, the undersigned district administrators of the Big Foot Area Schools Association, respectfully request that you prioritize funds from the state budget surplus to fulfill the budgeted 42% special education reimbursement that was approved in the state budget.** With costs rising in every aspect of our operations, every dollar is needed to provide the education our students need.

Please see the gap in funding for each of our districts below:

District	Reimbursable	42% Budgeted	37% Projected	Gap in Funding
Big Foot	$554,676	$232,964	$205,230	$27,734
Fontana	$482,791	$202,772	$178,633	$24,139
Linn J6	$119,938	$50,373	$44,377	$5,996
Sharon	$542,855	$227,999	$200,856	$27,143
Walworth	$765,436	$321,483	$283,211	$38,272
Totals	$2,465,696	$1,035,591	$912,307	$123,284

We recognize that you often have to make many difficult decisions regarding the state's budget. **We ask that you please make this a priority to accomplish before the end of the current legislative session so that our schools and other schools around the state can continue to provide the education our students deserve.** If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please contact any of us via the information below. We would also welcome the opportunity to meet with you in person. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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