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Felzkowski and Senate Republicans Finish Session on High Note

Madison, WI – On Tuesday, State Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) and her colleagues convened for the last scheduled floor period of the 2023-24 legislative session. Despite a long agenda of appointees and bills, Senator Felzkowski focused on four pieces of legislation in particular: funding the tip-line at the Office of School Safety, preventing the Governor from using a partial-veto to increase taxes, requiring high school athletic teams fall into three categories based on gender at birth (male, female, or co-ed), and giving college students the right to waive immunization requirements – similar to what we allow for K-12.

Felzkowski commented: "All four of these bills attempt to right a wrong. Whether it's the Governor creating programs with federal COVID dollars and choosing not to continue funding them, or his partial veto in the budget that created a property tax increase for the next 400 years – our constituents deserve more. Whether it's our young female athletes having championships stolen from them by male counterparts, or our college students being required to take vaccinations – our constituents deserve more.

The State Senate also passed two of Senator Felzkowski's bills, including: preventing local governments from requiring business permits for minors who operate occasionally, and protecting vehicle sellers from civil and criminal enforcements brought against them once the title is signed and transferred to the buyer.

Felzkowski continued: "I'm glad to see basic, commonsense legislation, such as these bills, pass through the Senate. There is no reason that children should have to apply for permits to run a lemonade or crafts stand at the park or a farmers market, instead their entrepreneurial spirit should be given room to grow and thrive. Hands-on experience is the best way for younger generations to learn and prepare for their futures."

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