

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

April 8, 2022

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 122** in its entirety.

This bill permits and defines a “micro education pod” as an educational program between two and ten family units and up to 20 children in a single location with a designated administrator. The ability to use micro education pods would sunset after the 2023-2024 school year.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to creating an entirely new type of largely unregulated educational structure. The bill would functionally create a new class of small private entities that would operate outside of the current laws applying to private schools and homeschooling, such as those relating to special education, employment, building codes, teacher licensing, and health and safety standards. Micro education pods would operate as mostly unregulated, small private schools with some components of homeschooling. More broadly, this bill is part of a series of efforts by this Legislature to politicize our schools and our education system while refusing to make meaningful, necessary investments in our kids and our schools. I welcome the opportunity to work together with the Legislature to do what’s best for our kids.

Respectfully submitted,
TONY EVERS
Governor