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Senate Republicans oppose any proposal by the Governor that would raise property taxes 9.45%. We continue to work out details on the budget as well as working with local units of government to produce a plan that will protect taxpayers including property tax payers.

The Legislative Fiscal Bureau has issued a report stating Governor Doyle's budget would increase property taxes by nearly 9.5%. That is unacceptable to Senate Republicans. We are committed to passing a budget that does not raise taxes, but also does not shift the burden to property tax payers.