



# Tuesday Morning Memo

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- **REMEMBER TO VOTE TODAY!!!**

Today is the spring primary election. If you have not voted yet, please do so. The only statewide primary election is for the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction. The person that serves in this position plays a significant role in the level and types of resources allocated towards special education. In addition to this race, there are numerous local races. It is important for everyone to get out and vote today.

- **GOVERNOR DOYLE TO UNVEIL BUDGET PROPOSAL TODAY**

Governor Doyle will introduce his biennial budget proposal today. For the past several days, there have been numerous “leaks” related to major issues that will be included in his budget proposal. The downsizing of Southern Wisconsin Center is one such issue. There have also been reports that the Governor’s budget will include an increase in the cigarette tax, as well as a statewide smoking ban.

The introduction of the Governor’s budget proposal marks the beginning of legislative “feeding frenzy”. From now until the final budget is approved, there will be numerous public hearings on portions of the budget. The State Assembly and the State Senate will both craft their own versions of the budget. In a few months, a conference committee will be charged with developing a final budget proposal that is agreeable to both legislative houses and the Governor.

To see a list of primary budget issues that has been developed by the Survival Coalition (of which The Arc-Wisconsin is a member), please go to:

<http://www.dawninfo.org/co/sc/2009/SCbudget%20priorities%202009-11.pdf>

The Arc-Wisconsin will provide regular budget updates in upcoming Tuesday Morning Memos.

- **PRESIDENT OBAMA TO SIGN STIMULUS BILL TODAY**

Late last week, the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate agreed on an economic stimulus proposal. President Obama is scheduled to sign the proposal today in Denver. Upcoming Tuesday Morning Memos will include summaries of the approved proposal or links to such summaries.