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**Students going back to school have \$3 million saved via  
In-school credit union accounts, about \$1 million more than a year ago!**

When Wisconsin students from the elementary grades through high school go back to school this fall, they'll be learning money management by operating 95 credit union branches inside Wisconsin schools. [Youth-run branches](#) now account for around 18% of the offices operated by the state's 212 credit unions. Their more than 5,500 young savers have stashed close to \$3 million in deposit accounts. That's up from \$2 million just a year ago.

The state Department of Public Instruction has defined [competencies for personal finance](#) that students should acquire by grades 4, 8 and 12. Schools with limited resources have used credit union support to advance their own financial education efforts at no additional costs to taxpayers.

The development of youth run-branches earned credit unions a [Governor's Financial Literacy Award](#).

Fox Communities Credit Union has five student run branches. Students from the school learn the intricacies of running a branch, while we work with the staff to incorporate financial literacy into their curriculum.

For more information about the FCCU program please contact Linda Fickau, Member Education Officer, Fox Communities Credit Union, at 920-993-3736.

Anyone can join Fox Communities Credit Union if they live or work in the counties of Brown, Calumet, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca or Winnebago. Fox Communities Credit Union employs 280 people and has an asset size of over \$800 million.

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