AGENDA
WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS) BOARD

March 17-18, 2026
Blackhawk Technical College
6004 S. County Road G
Janesville, WI

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Location: Conference Center - 2405

4:30 pm

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Motion to Recess until Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Following completion of the Tuesday agenda, Board members and invited guests will attend dinner at Blackhawk Technical College. No official business will be conducted.

For meeting access or accommodations, email or call Julie Drake (julie.drake@wtcsystem.edu | 608-267-9066).

AGENDA OF THE WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Location: Conference Center - 2405

Breakfast will be available for Board members and invited guests at 8:00 am in Conference Center - 2405. No official business will be conducted.

8:30 am

Blackhawk Technical College Tour

9:30 am

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Lunch will be available for Board members and invited guests.
No official business will be conducted.

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ITEM A: APPROVAL OF JANUARY 20, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

Board President Sara Rogers

ITEM B: REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Board President Sara Rogers

- Board of Regents Report

ITEM C: REPORT OF THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT

System President Layla Merrifield

- System Updates

ITEM D: WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Wisconsin Technical College DBA Association President John Wyatt
Wisconsin Technical College DBA Executive Director Pat Goss

John Wyatt, Lakeshore Technical College trustee and current president, and District Boards Association (DBA) Executive Director Pat Goss will provide the Board with an overview of recent Association activities.

ITEM E: WTCS PRESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Association President Dr. Jeannie Worden

Dr. Jeannie Worden, Northcentral Technical College president and current association president, will provide the Board with an overview of recent Association activities.

ITEM F: WTCS DASHBOARD DATA

WTCS State Director of Career & Technical Education, Dr. Hilary Barker

The System Office maintains multiple Power BI dashboards that support data-driven decision-making across our colleges. This discussion will highlight our collaborative approach to developing and improving dashboards, demonstrate how both colleges and the System Office leverage these tools for strategic planning, and provide a walkthrough of key dashboards including the Student Success Dashboard, Dual Credit Dashboard and Justice-Involved Dashboard.

ITEM G: WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS INITIATIVES

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Secretary Amy Pechacek

This brief informational presentation will highlight the successful partnerships between Governor Evers' Workforce Solutions Initiative (WSI) and Wisconsin's technical colleges. The presentation will provide a high-level overview of the program, including the Governor's $158 million American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) investment, and will recognize the technical college awardees—Chippewa Valley Technical College, Gateway Technical College, Lakeshore Technical College, Madison Area Technical College, Mid-State Technical College, Northwood Technical College and Southwest Wisconsin Technical College. It will also showcase the program's overall impact and success, serving as recognition of the colleges' exceptional work and a broader discussion on the value of investing in innovative workforce development programs. To date, WSI has exceeded more than 200% of its original outcome goals.

ITEM H: TEACHING & LEARNING – REMOVING BARRIERS, CENTERING STUDENTS

WTCS Associate Vice President-Office of Instructional Services Chrystal Seeley-Schreck
WTCS Director-General Education & Faculty Quality Assurance Chevon Bowen
Blackhawk Technical College Dean of General Education and Transfer Pathways Tiffany Garrison

This presentation highlights how the Wisconsin Technical College System and the 16 colleges center students in teaching and learning by removing academic and structural barriers to success. The presentation will showcase how aligned expectations in General Education, evidence-informed teaching practices and faculty support structures create coherence across colleges. Blackhawk Technical College will illustrate how they enact

these priorities through flexible learning models, consistent course design, dual-credit expansion and zero cost materials that strengthen student persistence and success.

ITEM I: CONSENT AGENDA

WTCS Associate Vice President-Instructional Services Chrystal Seeley-Schreck
WTCS Director-Facilities Development Dan Scanlon
WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo

- Program Development
- Facilities Development
- Interim District Board Appointments

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Authority for the initiation and development of programs is vested with the Wisconsin Technical College System Board as provided under s. 38.001(1m), Wis. Stats.

CONCEPT REVIEW

During the Concept Review phase for occupational programs, the district provides information on local labor market demand and employment trends. In addition, the district provides a summary of discussions with other districts which offer the same or similar programs. The results of Ad Hoc Advisory Committee discussions are shared, and District Board approval is documented. Approval of the Concept Review does not authorize the district to offer the program. Approval of the Concept Review does allow the district to proceed with compiling and documenting information required in the next and final stage of the approval process.

The information, analyses and documentation submitted in the Concept Review phase are reviewed by System Office staff for adequacy. The following Concept Reviews are recommended for approval. Board approval of the following Concept Reviews will initiate the Program Approval phase.

College	Program Title
Lakeshore Technical College	Manufacturing & Industrial Principles Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma
Nicolet Area Technical College	Baking and Decorative Arts One-Year Technical Diploma

Concept Review – Requested by: Lakeshore Technical College

Program Title: Manufacturing & Industrial Principles

Program Description: The Manufacturing & Industrial Principles Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma prepares students to apply foundational skills to troubleshoot, maintain and repair various electrical and mechanical equipment in an industrial setting. Graduates are employed as electro-mechanical technicians, electronic engineering technologists and industrial maintenance mechanics.

Demonstration of Program Need: Lakeshore College demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including district labor market data and advisory committee support.

Summary of Collaborative Discussions: Lakeshore College notified the three colleges with the same or similar programs. There were no concerns.

Salary: $27.42/hour

District Board Approval Date: 12/17/2025

Concept Review – Requested by: Nicolet Area Technical College

Program Title: Baking and Decorative Arts

Program Description: The Baking and Decorative Arts One-Year Technical Diploma prepares students with foundational and advanced production and presentation skills in breads, pastry and decorative arts. Graduates are employed as bakers, cake decorators and pastry chefs.

Demonstration of Program Need: Nicolet College demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including employer engagement and labor market data.

Summary of Collaborative Discussions: Nicolet College notified the five colleges with the same or similar programs. There were no concerns.

Salary: $17.74/hour

District Board Approval Date: 8/6/2025

PROGRAM APPROVAL

During the Program Approval phase for occupational programs, the district prepares a final analysis of the new program and the cost/benefit to district stakeholders. The analysis includes a final estimate of labor market need, instructional costs and career pathway opportunities. In addition, the district prepares a response to any issues or questions raised by the Board in the Concept Review phase.

The information, analyses and documentation submitted in the Program Approval phase are reviewed by System Office staff for adequacy. The following programs are recommended for Board approval. Board approval will complete the occupational program development process.

College	Program Title
Blackhawk Technical College	Laboratory Science Technician Assistant One-Year Technical Diploma
Blackhawk Technical College	Medical Coder One-Year Technical Diploma
Chippewa Valley Technical College	Automated Systems Integration Advanced Technical Certificate
Fox Valley Technical College	Bio-Medical Electronics Associate of Applied Science Degree
Lakeshore Technical College	Artificial Intelligence Data Specialist Associate of Applied Science Degree
Lakeshore Technical College	Truck Driving Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma
Mid-State Technical College	Agribusiness Agronomy Technician One-Year Technical Diploma
Mid-State Technical College	Farm Operation One-Year Technical Diploma
Southwest Wisconsin Technical College	Clinical Medical Assistant Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma
Western Technical College	Nature Based Early Childhood Education Advanced Technical Certificate

Program Approval – Requested by: Blackhawk Technical College

Program Title: Laboratory Science Technician Assistant

Program Description: The Laboratory Science Technician Assistant One-Year Technical Diploma prepares students in scientific principles, quality methodology and documentation and laboratory equipment and testing methodologies. Graduates are employed as laboratory science technicians.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

Program Approval – Requested by: Blackhawk Technical College

Program Title: Medical Coder

Program Description: The Medical Coder One-Year Technical Diploma prepares students to review medical documentation provided by physicians and other health care providers and translates into numeric code, including assigning and sequencing diagnostic and procedural codes using universally recognized coding systems. Graduates are employed as medical coders or medical billers.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

Career pathway opportunities: The Medical Coder technical diploma will ladder into the Health Information Management associate of applied science degree.

Program Approval – Requested by: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Program Title: Automated Systems Integration

Program Description: The Automated Systems Integration Advanced Technical Certificate prepares students to design, integrate and troubleshoot complex automated systems in an industrial environment. Graduates are employed as automation technicians, systems control technicians and industrial engineering technologists.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

Program Approval – Requested by: Fox Valley Technical College

Program Title: Bio-Medical Electronics

Program Description: The Bio-Medical Electronics Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to install, test, calibrate and repair a variety of medical equipment. Graduates are employed as biomedical electronics technicians.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

Program Approval – Requested by: Lakeshore Technical College

Program Title: Artificial Intelligence Data Specialist

Program Description: The Artificial Intelligence Data Specialist Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to acquire, analyze and prepare data for use in machine learning algorithms. Graduates are employed as data analysts, AI specialists and predictive modeling analysts.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

Program Approval – Requested by: Lakeshore Technical College

Program Title: Truck Driving

Program Description: The Truck Driving Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma prepares students to operate locally or over-the-road any combination of vehicles with a combined weight of 26,001 pounds or more, where the towed unit weighs over 10,000 pounds, such as large tractor-trailers (semi-trucks) hauling freight, livestock and other large loads. Graduates obtain their Class A Commercial Driver License (CDL) and are employed as truck drivers and commercial vehicle drivers.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development, instructional support and equipment.

Program Approval – Requested by: Mid-State Technical College

Program Title: Agribusiness Agronomy Technician

Program Description: The Agribusiness Agronomy Technician One-Year Technical Diploma prepares students to produce crops, manage pests, improve soil fertility, market commodities and manage a farm. Graduates are employed as growers, field workers, farm laborers, propagation workers and irrigators.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

Program Approval – Requested by: Mid-State Technical College

Program Title: Farm Operation

Program Description: The Farm Operation One-Year Technical Diploma prepares students to run day-to-day operations on a farm. Graduates are employed as production agriculturists, herdspersons, livestock breeders, agriculture industry technicians, agriculture salespersons, dairy equipment service technicians, fertilizer and chemical applicators and field crop scouts.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

Program Approval – Requested by: Southwest Wisconsin Technical College

Program Title: Clinical Medical Assistant

Program Description: The Clinical Medical Assistant Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma prepares students to perform minor diagnostic tests and procedures, promote patient safety, mediate between patients and providers, guide patients through a clinic's facilities and procedures and prepare and stock examination and procedure rooms. Graduates are employed as clinical medical assistants.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

Career pathway opportunities: The Clinical Medical Assistant technical diploma will ladder into the Medical Assistant technical diploma.

Program Approval – Requested by: Western Technical College

Program Title: Nature Based Early Childhood Education

Program Description: The Nature Based Early Childhood Education Advanced Technical Certificate prepares students to learn about and incorporate nature-based teaching and learning classroom techniques. Graduates are employed as early childhood teachers and nature-based early childhood teachers.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

Career pathway opportunities: This certificate advances skills of currently employed teachers by laddering into completed credentials.

PROGRAM DISCONTINUANCE

A program is discontinued at a district's request, or as initiated by System Office staff, when labor market projections decline or a program experiences low enrollment over a long period of time. Prior to being discontinued, programs are suspended for three years. In some cases, the program is modified or combined with another program. Discontinuing low-demand programs helps ensure that Wisconsin technical college programs maintain high quality and relevance to state workforce needs.

College	Program Title
Chippewa Valley Technical College	Health Navigator Associate of Applied Science Degree Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 09/12/2018
Fox Valley Technical College	Event Management Associate of Applied Science Degree Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 05/16/2007
Fox Valley Technical College	IT – Information Systems Security Specialist Associate of Applied Science Degree Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 02/18/2016
Gateway Technical College	Health Information Technology Associate of Applied Science Degree Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 07/01/1992
Gateway Technical College	Motorcycle, Marine & Outdoor Power Products One-Year Technical Diploma Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 03/21/2018
Gateway Technical College	Professional Communications Associate of Applied Science Degree Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 12/01/1990

College	Program Title
Waukesha County Technical College	Physical Therapist Assistant Associate of Applied Science Degree Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 07/01/2014
Western Technical College	Financial Services Associate of Applied Science Degree Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 01/13/2016

The following programs were modified to better meet the needs of employers; the original program names and numbers are being discontinued:

College	Program Title
Northcentral Technical College	Surgical Technologist One-Year Technical Diploma Program discontinued due to a number change to 10-512-1. Program originally approved: 11/01/1971
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College	Surgical Technologist One-Year Technical Diploma Program discontinued due to a number change to 10-512-1. Program originally approved: 01/01/1968

FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

Fox Valley Technical College – Rental of facilities in Clintonville at an average annual cost of $91,439.

Lakeshore Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Cleveland at a cost of $1,500,000.

Madison Area Technical College – Construction of facilities in Fort Atkinson at a cost of $500,000.

Moraine Park Technical College – Acquisition of land and construction of facilities in Horicon at a cost of $1,500,000.

Northwood Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Ashland at a cost of $1,500,000.

Northwood Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Superior at a cost of $1,500,000.

Northwood Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Superior at a cost of $1,500,000.

Waukesha County Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Pewaukee at a cost of $500,000.

Fox Valley Technical College – Rental of Facilities in Clintonville

The Fox Valley Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to lease facilities in Clintonville.

The district proposes to continue to lease facilities for the Clintonville campus. The 16,500 square foot facility is on 7.5 acres with 200 parking spaces and serves approximately 28 FTEs. The campus has consistent enrollments and the district anticipates modest growth in the next few years. The facility has five classrooms, two computer rooms, one large multi-purpose room, one industrial/mechanical bay, testing, virtual learning rooms and various support spaces. Some of the programming the district offers at this location is nursing, computer/IT, general education and Adult Education.

The term is five years and the annual rent increase is 2% with the annual lease cost shown below. In addition to the lease costs, the district anticipates spending approximately $17,500 annually on utilities.

Year 1	$87,854
Year 2	$89,611
Year 3	$91,403
Year 4	$93,231
Year 5	$95,096

The average annual cost of the lease over the term is approximately $91,439, which is approximately $5.54 per square foot. The lease will be funded through the district's operating budget.

Lakeshore Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Cleveland

The Lakeshore Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities in Cleveland.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 5,600 square feet to create a modern Student Success Center suite and a staff Teaching and Learning Center (TLC). Additionally, the project will update the finishes of four existing conference rooms totaling approximately 5,700 square feet.

The Student Success Center is being designed as a single location for admissions, financial aid, counseling, veterans services and various other support offices. The project consists of a welcome/reception area, two conference rooms, 14 offices and various support spaces. The new offices are designed with sound insulation for private and sensitive conversations. From the reception area the students will be directed to the appropriate staff for assistance. The new center will consolidate these support functions from various locations on campus.

The TLC space is being designed to deliver professional development and support of full- and part-time faculty and consists of three individual offices, an open office for six training classrooms and two conference rooms. This new space will provide a permanent location for these services which have been using various locations around the campus.

The finishes in the existing conference rooms have reached the end of their useful lives and will be updated to correspond to the district's current design guidelines and finishes.

The remodeling will not meet the System requirement of LEED Silver and an exception to meeting this requirement is granted. A significant number of LEED points are unavailable because the project is being served by the existing HVAC systems, does not involve changes to the building exterior and primarily consists of constructing interior walls. The lighting, ceilings and interior finishes are being designed and specified to meet the requirements outlined for a LEED Silver facility.

The estimated cost of the project is $1,500,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately $109 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing. The district will spend an additional $460,000 on equipment to furnish the space.

Madison Area Technical College – Construct Facilities in Fort Atkinson

The Madison Area Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to construct facilities at the Fort Atkinson Campus.

The district proposes to construct a 2,400 square foot storage building to replace a fifty year old storage building. The new building improves accessibility to the existing parking lot and will be used for maintenance equipment, welding supplies and machine tool supplies. An Environmental Assessment for the addition was made available to the public and government agencies and no comments were received.

The estimated cost of the project is $500,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately $188 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Moraine Park Technical College – Acquisition of Land and Construction of Facilities in Horicon

The Moraine Park Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to acquire land and construct facilities at the Horicon Campus.

The district proposes to acquire an approximate 12 acre parcel of land contiguous to the campus in Horicon. The parcel will allow the district additional space for long-range plans and expansion.

A Phase One and Phase Two Environmental Site Assessment were prepared for the site and no recognizable environmental concerns were identified. An Environmental Assessment for the acquisition of the property was made available to the public and no comments were received. The acquisition and development of the property was considered under the May 2023 Environmental Impact Statement.

The cost of the acquisition is $511,968. The price of the land is $239,780, which is the appraised value. The additional $272,188 consists of professional services, legal fees and the proportional costs of the utility improvements (sewer, water) made by the city of Horicon. The acquisition will be funded by district borrowing.

The district proposes to construct an Emergency Vehicle Operating Course (EVOC) on existing land behind the Horicon Regional Center. The campus supports the Fire-related (12 FTEs) and EMS (7 FTEs) programs. The new facility consists of a 15,000 square foot asphalt training lot with miscellaneous access roads and parking areas. Site work also consists of creating a stormwater retention pond. The bulk of the cost for this facility is in the earthworks to prepare for the 'flat' surface. The facility will provide space for training away from public roads. The district has consistent enrollments and projections show increasing enrollment.

The cost of the earthwork and roadway construction is $988,032, including professional services. The acquisition will be funded by district borrowing.

Northwood Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Ashland

The Northwood Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities in Ashland.

Note: All three of the Northwood projects on this consent agenda are being resubmitted due to errors in the original cost estimates.

The district received State Board approval for this project at the January 2026 WTCS Board meeting, and subsequent to that approval, the district engaged a third party to estimate the cost of the project. This new estimate has provided a higher estimated cost than originally proposed. The district has also simplified/reduced the level of finishes for the project to help minimize the costs for the project.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 6,600 square feet to improve the Welcome Center, Student Services Center and Administration Office area. The project primarily updates the student service area to provide a single location for all services. The student services office suite contains 10 individual offices for student services staff and are designed for confidential conversations, an open office for three, a copy room, a testing room and various storage areas. The administrative office suite consists of five individual offices, a kitchenette and a conference room.

The project is being designed and specified to meet the System requirement of LEED Silver.

The original project approval was $650,000 with an estimated cost of $82 per square foot.

The estimated cost of the project is $1,500,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately $209 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Northwood Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Superior

The Northwood Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities in Superior.

The district received State Board approval for this project at the January 2026 WTCS Board meeting, and subsequent to that approval, the district engaged a third party to estimate the cost of the project. This new estimate has provided a higher estimated cost than originally proposed. The district has also simplified/reduced the level of finishes for the project to help minimize the costs for the project.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 5,800 square feet to relocate and consolidate the Student Services staff into one suite. The project will create a welcome center/reception area to assess and direct students to the services needed. A new Student Life area will be incorporated for student engagement events, event planning and student group meeting space. Individual instruction/consultation rooms will be added to provide students specialized remote services from elsewhere in the district. A testing lab, 10 offices, an open office area, various storage spaces and a nurse's/health office with two recovery rooms will be created. The new offices are being designed for confidential and sensitive conversations.

The project is being designed and specified to meet the System requirement of LEED Silver.

The original project approval was $660,000 with an estimated cost of $101 per square foot.

The estimated cost of the project is $1,500,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately $238 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Northwood Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Superior

The Northwood Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities in Superior.

The district received State Board approval for this project at the January 2026 WTCS Board meeting, and subsequent to that approval, the district engaged a third party to estimate the cost of the project. This new estimate has provided a higher estimated cost than originally proposed. The district has also simplified/reduced the level of finishes for the project to help minimize the costs for the project.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 6,400 square feet to create an Innovation Technology Learning Center (ITLC), which is being designed as a central service location for individual testing and instruction. The project entails creating a reception/waiting area, 12 individual testing rooms, six small group study/tutoring rooms, two larger classroom/conference rooms and various storage and IT closets. The ITLC is designed to respond to individual student needs and will assist in competency based education and assessments.

The project is being designed and specified to meet the System requirement of LEED Silver.

The original project approval was $580,000 with an estimated cost of $79 per square foot.

The estimated cost of the project is $1,500,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately $216 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Waukesha County Technical College – Remodeling of Facilities in Pewaukee

The Waukesha County Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities at the Main Campus in Pewaukee.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 2,000 square feet to improve the facilities for the Interior Design (62 FTEs) program. The project entails updating the electrical needs and finishes for a studio/classroom and a materials lab. The classroom remodeling involves an improved layout for computers and presentations. The materials lab incorporates new millwork for samples, larger layout tables and various other storage spaces. The Interior Design program has consistent enrollments.

The estimated cost of the project is $500,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately $229 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing. The district will spend an additional $150,000 on equipment to furnish the classrooms.

INTERIM DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Wisconsin statutes establish requirements for the membership of technical college boards, including that each board has nine members who are residents of the college district and who take office on July 1. Members whose appointments are approved by the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board serve staggered three-year terms.

WTCS Board approval is needed for interim appointments for vacant positions with terms as specified.

Gateway Technical College

Member Category	Appointee	Term
Employee	Ashleigh Henrichs	3/19/26 – 6/30/27

Ashleigh Henrichs is the current associate director of Wisconsin Literacy, Inc. – the only statewide literacy organization that supports more than 80 member agencies and serves 14,000 adult students and families through advocacy, training and resources. She was previously a member of the Gateway Technical College Foundation staff. Ashleigh was also the content specialist at Dooley & Associates in Kenosha and served as executive director for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Racine and Kenosha Counties. She holds a Master of Arts from DePaul University in Writing, a Bachelor of Arts in English from Ripon College and a Nonprofit Leadership Certification from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

Milwaukee Area Technical College

Member Category	Appointee	Term
Additional	Charlotte Hayslett	3/18/26 – 6/30/28

Charlotte Hayslett is the founder and principal consultant of Professionally Me Consulting, supporting business owners and startups with business formation guidance, staffing models, HR infrastructure and scalable workforce practices. She also served as vice president of human resources at VISIT MILWAUKEE, an organization that creates economic impact and supports a stronger, more inclusive community by promoting the Greater Milwaukee area as a premier tourism destination. She holds a Master of Science in Human Services - Organizational Management & Leadership from Springfield College in Milwaukee, a Bachelor of Business Administration - Management and minor in Finance from LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis, Tennessee, from which she graduated Cum Laude.

Member Category	Appointee	Term
School District Administrator	Dr. Katrice Cotton	7/1/26 – 6/30/29

Dr. Katrice Cotton has over 30 years of experience in education. She currently serves as the Brown Deer School District superintendent. She is a member of North Shore Rotary Club, a former board member of Employ Milwaukee and a former board member of Junior

Achievement of Wisconsin. Dr. Cotton has a doctorate in Educational Leadership from National-Louis University in Evanston, IL, and a Master of Arts from Marian University.

ITEM J: FOX VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE – PROJECT REVIEW – REMODELING TO IMPROVE FACILITIES AT THE MAIN CAMPUS IN APPLETON

WTCS Director-Facilities Development Dan Scanlon

Resolution:

That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, approval is granted to the Fox Valley Technical College district to remodel existing facilities at the Main Camus in Appleton at a cost of $1,935,301.

The Fox Valley Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10) Stats., requests approval to remodel existing facilities at the Main Campus.

The funding for these projects will be funded with $1,500,000 in district borrowing and $435,301 in donations.

An analysis of the request with the applicable criteria is below.

Analysis of Request for Approval
Fox Valley Technical College District
Remodeling of Facilities in Appleton

Applicable review criteria: TCS 5.04(4) Wisconsin Administrative Code

TCS 5.04(4)(a) – A resolution of the District Board approving the remodeling of existing facilities and contingent upon WTCS Board approval.

The District Board of the Fox Valley Technical College adopted a resolution at the December 16, 2025 meeting approving the project.

TCS 5.04(4)(c) – Evidence of compliance with s. 1.11 Stats.

The scope of the interior remodeling project does not significantly alter the facility and an Environmental Assessment is not required.

TCS 5.04(4)(d) – A report relating programmatic and student requirements, and the needs of business and industry, to the need for remodeling of existing facilities.

The project will remodel the existing Quantities Kitchen (QK) and expand it into an under-utilized vending nook, approximately 2,550 square feet. The existing QK is approximately 30 years old and has reached the end of its useful life. The Culinary Arts (80 FTEs) program has consistent enrollments and employer demand and enrollment projections remain consistent.

TCS 5.04(4)(e) – Educational specifications relating specific space requirements for approved programs to the need for remodeling of existing facilities.

Class size is 14 students and the new kitchen will provide a cooking station for each student with new kitchen equipment. The exhaust systems (range hoods), modern video and IT equipment will be updated. The improved equipment layout provides a larger safety margin for instruction around the cooking equipment. A window for sales of bulk food produced by the students will also be included. The project involves significant alterations to the plumbing systems.

TCS 5.04(4)(f) – An analysis of the impact of the remodeling of existing facilities on the district's budget including the availability and source of funds.

The project will be funded by $1,500,000 in district borrowing and $435,301 in donations.

TCS 5.04(4)(g) – A conceptual sketch of the proposed remodeling of existing facilities.

Architectural drawings have been submitted and found to be satisfactory. Plans are attached to this analysis.

TCS 5.04(4)(h) – The estimated project cost.

The breakdown of the cost for the project is shown below:

Construction Category	Costs
General Construction	$794,745
HVAC	521,126
Plumbing	189,020
Electrical	131,745
Fire Protection	9,887
Contingency	142,391
Fees	146,387
Total:	**$1,935,301**

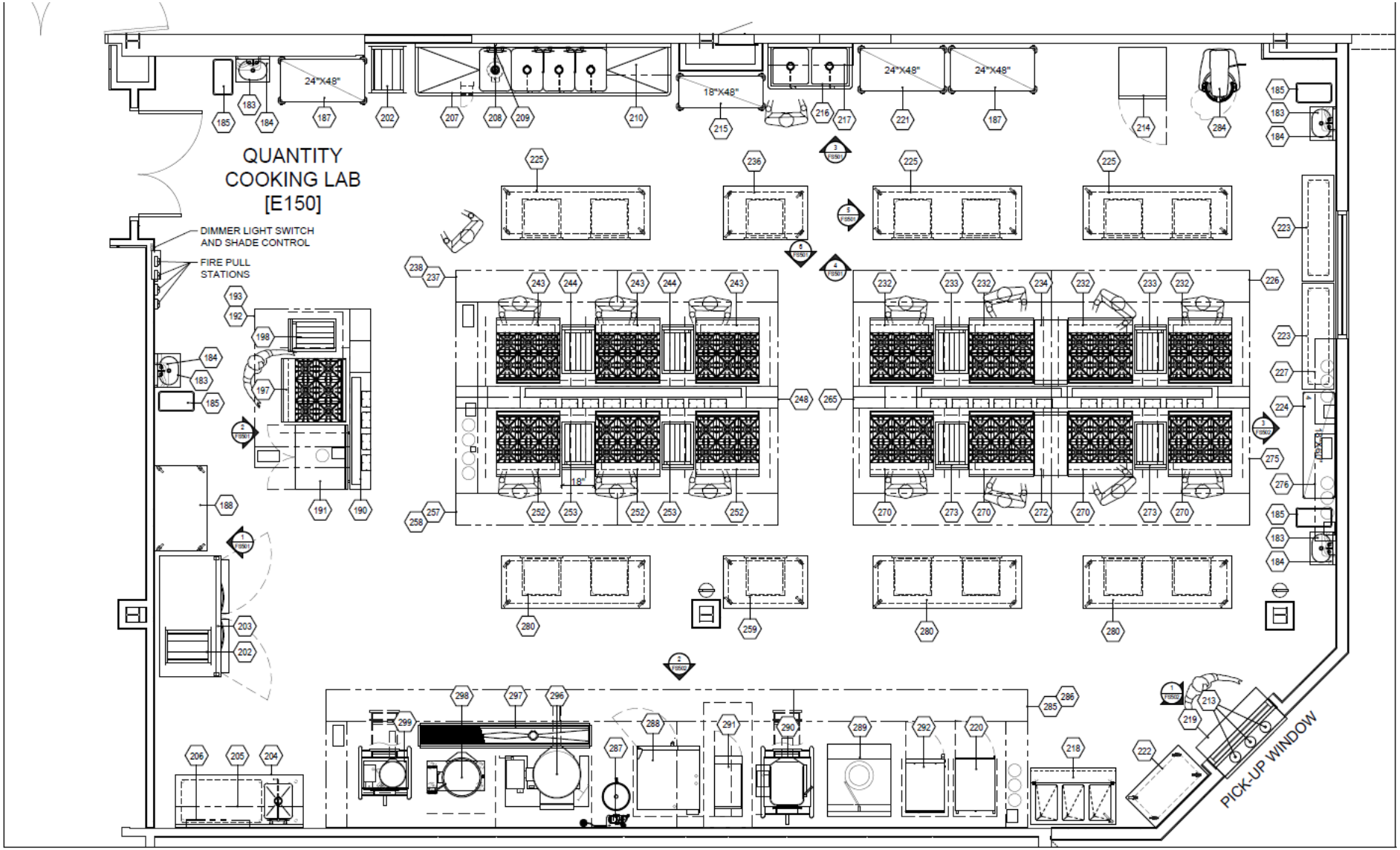
The unit cost of the remodeling, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately $701 per square foot. The district will spend an additional $330,000 on movable equipment to furnish the space.

TCS 5.04(4)(i) – The district energy analysis indicating compliance with s. 1.12 Stats.

The project will continue to use the existing central HVAC systems that serve the space being remodeled and an energy analysis is not required.

Staff Finding

Staff concludes that there is a need to remodel and expand the QK; class size and the modernization of the training space are the main drivers.



FOODSERVICE EQUIPMENT PLAN - QUANTITIES KITCHEN

ITEM K: WAUKESHA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE – PROJECT REVIEW – CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL FACILITIES IN PEWAUKEE

WTCS Director-Facilities Development Dan Scanlon

Resolution:

That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, approval is granted to the Waukesha County Technical College District to construct additional facilities at the Main Campus in Pewaukee at a cost of $5,500,000.

The Waukesha County Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10) Stats., requests approval to construct additional facilities at the Pewaukee Campus.

An analysis of the request with the applicable criteria is below.

Analysis of Request for Approval
Waukesha County Technical College District
Construction of an Applied Artificial Intelligence Center

Applicable review criteria: TCS 5.04(2) Wisconsin Administrative Code

TCS 5.04(2)(a) – A resolution of the District Board approving the construction of facilities and contingent upon WTCS Board approval.

The District Board of the Waukesha County Technical College adopted a resolution at their December 9, 2025 meeting approving the project.

TCS 5.04(2)(c) – Evidence of compliance with s. 1.11 Stats.

An Environmental Assessment for the proposed project was made available to the public and government agencies. There were no comments of concern or opposition received for the proposed action. It was determined there would be no significant environmental impact and an Environmental Impact Statement was not required.

TCS 5.04(2)(d) – A report relating programmatic and student requirements and the needs of business and industry to the need for additional facilities.

The district reports that local employers such as: Generac, Husco, Inpro, Hydrite Chemical Co. and SSR Motorsports have consistently reported high demand for graduates with skills in computer support. The proposed expansion will support hands-on, technology-rich learning environments.

Program	2023 FTE	2024 FTE	2025 FTE
IT Network Specialist	84	96	83
IT Cybersecurity Specialist	129	151	157
IT Web & Software Developer	87	91	88
IT Computer Support Specialist	24	24	32
IT Data & Analytics Specialist	26	27	32
AI Data Specialists	0	0	23

TCS 5.04(2)(e) – Educational specifications relating specific space requirements for approved programs to the need for additional or new facilities.

The 12,960 square foot second floor addition consists of classrooms and labs with modern technological and electrical infrastructure needed for the students to develop skills that align with employer's needs. Additional flexible space will promote student and faculty programmatic collaboration. There will be approximately 2,300 square feet of remodeling on the first floor to accommodate and access the addition.

The allocation of space for the primary functional areas of the addition is shown below:

Space/Function	Square Feet
Classroom / Lab 1	817
Classroom / Lab 2	1,067
Classroom / Lab 3	747
Classroom / Lab 4	999
Classroom / Lab 5	954
Flex Classroom	834
Faculty Open Office for 6	750
Two Faculty Offices	350
Student Commons / Lounge	1,158
Study Rooms, Open Comp. Stations	296
Restrooms, Janitor Closet	409
Circulation (corridors, stairs, elevator)	1,944
Storage, Mechanical	719
Net Square Feet	11,044
Total Square Feet	**12,960**

TCS 5.04(2)(f)– An analysis of the impact of the additional or new facilities on the district's budget including the availability and source of funds.

The project will be funded by $4,000,000 in donations and $1,500, 000 in district borrowing. The district anticipates spending $45,000 annually on utility costs and maintenance and will spend an additional $1,635,700 on equipment to furnish the facility.

TCS 5.04(2)(g) – A conceptual sketch of the proposed addition or new facilities.

Architectural drawings have been submitted and found to be satisfactory. Plans and elevations are attached to this analysis.

TCS 5.04(2)(h) – The estimated project cost.

The breakdown of the cost for the project is shown below:

Item	Cost
General Construction	3,318,000
HVAC	599,000
Electrical	689,000
Plumbing	135,000
Fees/Contingency	759,000
Total:	**$5,500,000**

The unit cost of the construction, exclusive of fees, calculates to $335 per square foot.

TCS 5.04(2)(i)– The District energy analysis indicating compliance with s. 1.12 Stats.

The facility is being designed to meet the requirements of s. 1.12 Stats. but does not achieve the System requirement of LEED Silver and an exception to meeting these requirements has been granted. The project is being designed to meet the next lower level of LEED, Certified. The HVAC systems are being designed to be as energy efficient as feasible and the lighting, plumbing fixtures, wall finishes and floor finishes are being designed and specified to meet the requirements of LEED Silver.

Staff Finding

Staff concludes there is a need for additional space for the IT and AI programs; employer interest, student demand and expansion of program offerings are the primary drivers of the project.

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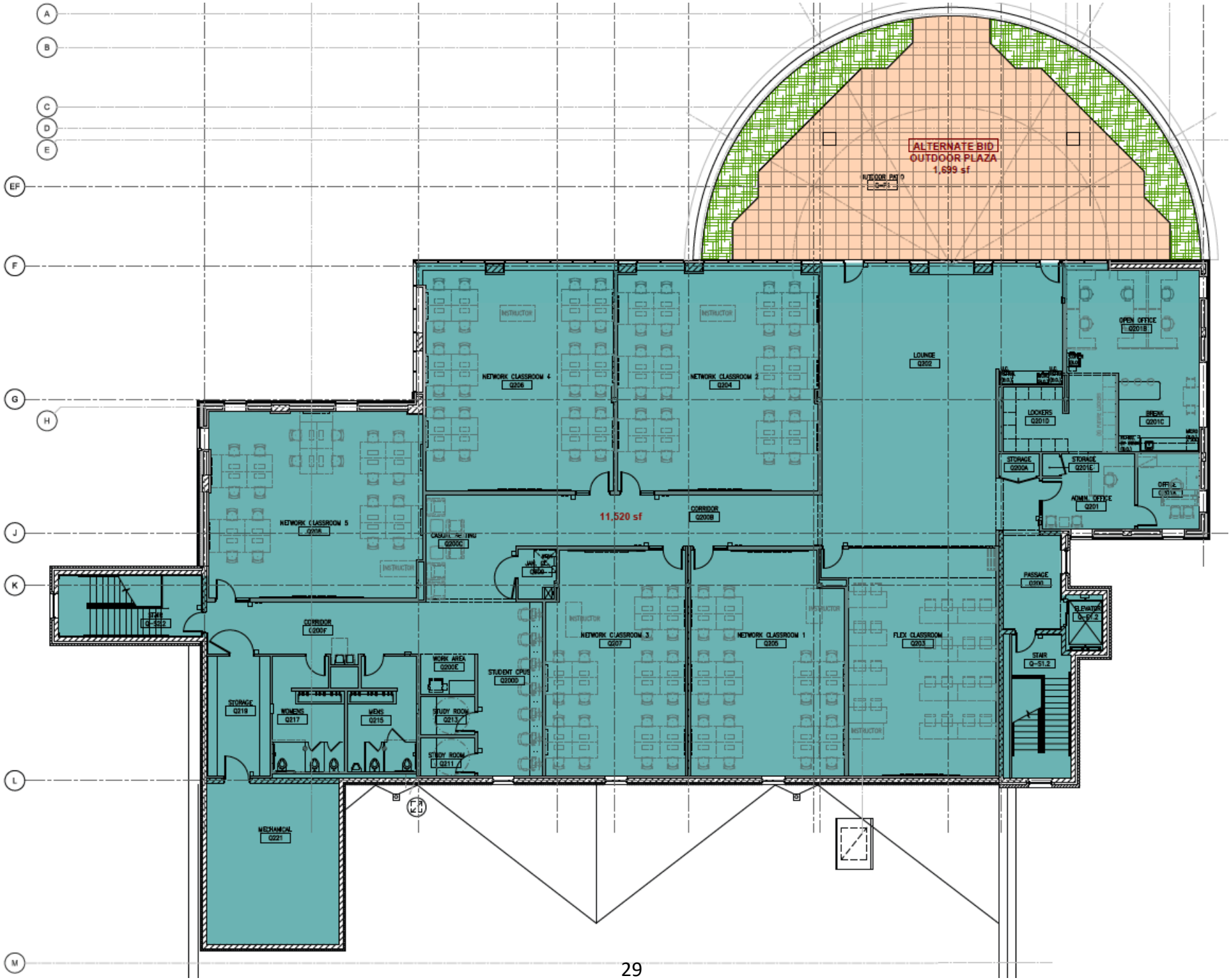
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ITEM L: STATE AND FEDERAL GRANT AWARDS

WTCS Grants Manager Tou Ya Khang

Resolution:

That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approves funding awards for the State of Wisconsin, Carl D. Perkins Act and Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) grant programs for fiscal year 2026-27, as presented.

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS)
2026-27 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WTCS BOARD APPROVAL

Source: State

Focus: Career Pathways

Type: Competitive

Total: $3,500,000

The WTCS Board awards funds to align, scale and innovate Career Pathway approaches leading to enhanced education and employment outcomes. Projects must seek to align, scale, or innovate career pathway methodologies through the appropriate combination of workforce, industry, secondary, adult education, postsecondary education and training, career and academic advising, and supportive services needed to align education and training to industry recognized credentials. Career Pathway approaches must be designed to prepare all students for employment in their chosen field as well as return to and engage in additional postsecondary education that enables them to advance in their careers.

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Chippewa Valley	Increasing Business Options for Rural High School Students	$260,000
Chippewa Valley	Expanding Access to University Transfer Liberal Arts AA/AS Career Pathways for CVTC Students	$260,000
Fox Valley	The Clever Fox Initiative	$260,000
Fox Valley	Agriculture Essentials at Wautoma Regional Center	$103,856
Gateway	Start College Now: SCORE! (Student Conversion, Outcomes, Recognized Credentials and Enrollment)	$247,380
Madison Area	Expanding Access to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Careers through Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training	$260,000
Madison Area	Building Rural Pathways to the Teaching Profession	$156,313
Mid-State	Click to Connect – Virtual Business Management Pathways	$260,000
Moraine Park	Bridging Gaps, Building Futures: MPTC's Advanced Manufacturing Career Pathway	$260,000
Nicolet Area	Expanding Career Pathways at NATC	$260,000
Northcentral	Building Seamless University Transfer Pathways at Northcentral Technical College	$257,692

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Northcentral	Staying the Course: Structured Support for High-Demand Health Program Students	$190,255
Northeast Wisconsin	Unlocking Northeast Wisconsin (NEW) STEM Opportunities	$259,998
Northwood	Career Pathway: Marine Repair Center of Excellence	$260,000
Southwest Wisconsin	Nursing Pathways to Practice: Strengthening Entry, Progression and Completion	$260,000

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS)
2026-27 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WTCS BOARD APPROVAL

Source: State

Focus: Completion

Type: Competitive

Total: $3,000,000

The WTCS Board awards funds to create, expand and/or implement innovative strategies through direct services for students experiencing gaps in student success outcomes who are enrolled in postsecondary courses or ABE/ELL as defined in chapter 11 of the Educational Services Manual (ESM), as well as students who progress through career pathways. The primary goal is to support students experiencing gaps in student success outcomes, which may include but is not limited to students with disabilities, students of color, student parents, military service members and first-generation students through course completion, completion of subsequent semesters and completion of programs or WTCS Pathway Certificates.

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Blackhawk	Completion	$225,000
Chippewa Valley	CVTC Student Services and Support to Close Gaps	$225,000
Fox Valley	Building Momentum: Advancing Student Completion & Success in FVTC Health Programs	$225,000
Gateway	Supporting Completion for Economically Disadvantaged Learners	$225,000
Lakeshore	FY2026-27 Lakeshore Student Completion	$225,000
Madison Area	Student Completion	$225,000
Mid-State	Supporting Students Through Completion at Mid-State	$225,000
Milwaukee Area	WTCS Completion-Math	$225,000
Moraine Park	Completion	$82,249
Nicolet Area	Nicolet Completion Initiative: Innovation, Access, and Literacy for Equitable Student Success	$74,283
Northcentral	Bridging the Gap to Completion at Northcentral Technical College	$225,000
Northeast Wisconsin	RETAIN (Reaching past Existing Thresholds by Addressing Individualized Needs)	$220,954

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Northwood	Promoting Success Through Targeted Support Services	$89,439
Southwest Wisconsin	Completion by Design: Proactive, Data-Informed Student Support for Equitable Outcomes	$225,000
Waukesha County	Increasing Retention and Completion Through Coordinated and Holistic Student Support	$225,000
Western	Completion	$225,000

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS)
2026-27 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WTCS BOARD APPROVAL

Source: State

Focus: Core Industry

Type: Competitive

Total: $6,750,000

The WTCS Board awards funds to help ensure that WTCS approved programs in core industry areas provide industry-relevant education and training using rigorous curricula, current technology and related services. Programs must be open for student enrollments and have been offered for one year or more (January 20, 2025, or earlier). These grants may expand programming in high-demand fields within the college district.

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Blackhawk	Industrial Maintenance Mechanic (31-462-2)	$350,000
Chippewa Valley	Health Information Management & Technology (10-530-6)	$250,000
Chippewa Valley	IT-Cybersecurity Specialist (10-151-2)	$500,000
Chippewa Valley	Landscape, Plant & Turf Management (10-001-4)	$250,000
Fox Valley	FVTC Data & Analytics Specialist (10-156-3)	$150,000
Fox Valley	FVTC Machine Tool Technician (32-420-1)	$350,000
Lakeshore	Maintenance Mechanic/Millwright Apprenticeship (50-423-1) Program Expansion	$350,000
Mid-State	Electricity-Construction Apprentice Program	$250,000
Mid-State	Ignite the Future: Mid-State's Summer Fire Service Certification (30-503-2)	$250,000
Milwaukee Area	FY 26-27 State Core Industry-Cyber Range	$350,000
Milwaukee Area	FY 26-27 State Core Industry-Electricity	$150,000
Moraine Park	Simulation Expansion for MPTC's Associate Degree in Nursing Program (10-543-1)	$237,593
Moraine Park	MPTC Core Industry Truck Driving Technical Diploma (30-458-1) Grant	$262,407
Nicolet Area	Laser Focused on Welding & Technology (Welding 31-442-1)	$350,000

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Northcentral	Administrative Professional & Administrative Coordinator Workforce Innovation Consortium: AI Integration & Pathways Expansion (NTC 10-106-6 and Northwood 10-106-6)	$473,127
Northcentral	Fueling Innovation: Modernizing NTC's Diesel Technology Associate Degree Program (10-412-2)	$337,026
Northcentral	Ensuring A Statewide Educational Accessibility Pipeline: NTC's Sign Language Interpreting in Education Associate Degree Program (10-533-1)	$162,973
Northeast Wisconsin	Nursing Associate Degree (105431)	$118,288
Northeast Wisconsin	Welding Technical Diploma (314421)	$139,112
Southwest Wisconsin	Modern Accounting for a Changing Workforce	$150,000
Southwest Wisconsin	From High School to High Skill: Strengthening the Electro-Mechanical Workforce in Southwest Wisconsin	$350,000
Waukesha County	Master Aesthetician Program (10-502-1) Expansion	$150,000
Waukesha County	AI Data Specialist Program (10-165-4): Bridging Technology and Workforce Needs	$350,000
Western	Incorporating Emerging Technologies into Western's Occupational Therapy Assistant Program	$350,000
Western	02-858 XR for Graphic Design	$150,000

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS)
2026-27 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WTCS BOARD APPROVAL

Source: State

Focus: Developing Markets

Type: Competitive

Total: $2,000,000

The WTCS Board awards funds to support programs new to the district that have received final program approval by the System Board at or before the January meeting of the grant application year. These funds can be used for: development of curriculum and related instructional material; technology and software; the purchase of equipment; staff development; the delivery of instruction; and the pursuit of accreditation.

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Blackhawk	Office Management (10-106-9)	$189,000
Fox Valley	FVTC Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) – ATC (11-508-1)	$100,000
Lakeshore	Lakeshore Dental Hygiene (10-508-1) Developing Market	$200,000
Madison Area	Barbering 1-Year Technical Diploma	$199,910
Mid-State	Driven to Restore: Building an Auto Collision Repair and Refinishing Program	$200,000
Moraine Park	Artificial Intelligence Data Specialist Developing Markets	$175,934
Northcentral	Building a Community Advocacy Workforce: NTC's Advocacy and Social Justice Technical Diploma Program (31-520-4)	$200,000
Southwest Wisconsin	From Maintenance to Automation: Advancing Smart Manufacturing Skills in Southwest Wisconsin	$200,000
Waukesha County	Expanding Dental Care Access Through EFDA Training	$199,787
Western	02-853 Food & Industrial Lab Tech	$200,000

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS)
2026-27 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WTCS BOARD APPROVAL

Source: State

Focus: Emergency Assistance

Type: Formula

Total: $320,000

The WTCS Board awards funds to offer emergency assistance grants to eligible Pell recipients who experience unforeseen financial emergencies. The goal is to assist eligible students who are experiencing unplanned events that may affect their ability to stay in school.

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Blackhawk	Emergency Assistance	$11,984
Chippewa Valley	CVTC Emergency Assistance	$14,911
Fox Valley	FVTC Emergency Assistance Grant	$15,871
Gateway	Emergency Assistance	$17,717
Lakeshore	Lakeshore Emergency Assistance Grant	$9,546
Madison Area	Madison College Emergency Grants Program	$23,645
Mid-State	Mid-State Student Emergency Assistance	$10,622
Milwaukee Area	Emergency Assistance	$45,231
Moraine Park	MPTC 26-27 State Emergency Assistance Grant	$10,336
Nicolet Area	NATC Emergency Assistance Program	$6,997
Northcentral	FY26-27 Emergency Assistance Grants for NTC Students	$12,672
Northeast Wisconsin	Emergency Assistance	$17,868
Northwood	Northwood Tech Student Emergency Assistance Grant	$10,554
Southwest Wisconsin	Emergency Assistance	$8,180
Waukesha County	Emergency Assistance Grant	$10,961
Western	Emergency Assistance at Western	$12,905

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS)
2026-27 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WTCS BOARD APPROVAL

Source: State

Focus: Professional Growth

Type: Formula

Total: $1,000,000

The WTCS Board awards funds to support professional growth activities and occupational competency training. Grants in this category will be awarded for programs that promote the following:

- Instructor awareness of and expertise in a wide variety of newly emerging technologies
- Integration of learning technologies in curriculum and instruction
- Use of instructional methods that incorporate emerging technologies

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Blackhawk	Professional Growth	$50,208
Chippewa Valley	CVTC Professional Growth	$66,121
Fox Valley	FVTC NextGen Teaching Incubator: Building the Future of Learning, One Innovation at a Time	$75,641
Gateway	Professional Development at Gateway Technical College	$63,947
Lakeshore	Lakeshore Professional Growth	$47,680
Madison Area	Professional Growth	$79,745
Mid-State	Mid-State Technical College Supporting Faculty through Workplace Learning	$8,000
Mid-State	Mid-State Technical College Supporting Students by Supporting Faculty	$44,489
Milwaukee Area	FY26-27 Professional Growth	$101,822
Moraine Park	26-27 MPTC Professional Growth	$51,606
Nicolet Area	Professional Growth 2027: Building a Strengths-Based, UDL-Informed Faculty Culture	$47,979
Northcentral	Professional Growth for Faculty and Staff at Northcentral Technical College, 2026-2027	$58,191
Northeast Wisconsin	Professional Development	$72,737
Northwood	Professional Development Grant	$52,577

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Southwest Wisconsin	Professional Growth	$49,148
Waukesha County	Future Ready: Investing in People and Modernizing Systems	$71,531
Western	Professional Growth at Western	$58,578

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS)
2026-27 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WTCS BOARD APPROVAL

Source: Perkins V Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century

Focus: Career Prep

Type: Formula

Total: $921,421

This grant provides funds to enable colleges, in collaboration with secondary schools, to develop Programs of Study designed to support career and technical education students transitioning from a Wisconsin high school to a Wisconsin technical college. In addition, funds can be used to conduct activities that engage students in career exploration, academy development, Dual Enrollment and postsecondary options. When designing activities aligned with the Career Prep outcomes, consider closing the achievement gap for all students to enhance participation and completion.

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Blackhawk	Career Prep	$48,047
Chippewa Valley	Chippewa Valley Technical College – Career Prep	$58,799
Fox Valley	FVTC Perkins Career Prep	$61,727
Gateway	Career Prep at Gateway Technical College	$59,686
Lakeshore	FY2026-27 Lakeshore Career Prep	$47,253
Madison Area	Career Prep	$78,931
Mid-State	Mid-State Career Prep	$45,066
Milwaukee Area	FY26-27 Perkins Career Prep	$85,653
Moraine Park	26-27 MPTC Career Prep	$53,848
Nicolet Area	Pathways Forward: Career Ready, College Bound Initiative	$41,506
Northcentral	Career Prep-North Central Wisconsin School-to-Career Partnership	$52,313
Northeast Wisconsin	Career Prep	$64,510
Northwood	Northwood Tech Career Prep	$62,233
Southwest Wisconsin	Career Prep	$51,298
Waukesha County	Waukesha County Career Prep	$56,143
Western	02-711 Career Prep	$54,408

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS)
2026-27 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WTCS BOARD APPROVAL

Source: Perkins V Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century

Focus: Targeting Attainment Gaps in CTE

Type: Formula

Total: $792,862

Grant funds in this category are to support colleges in addressing disparities or gaps in performance for students, especially members of special populations (Sec. 113(c)(1)(D)), as identified within the Perkins Comprehensive Local Needs Assessments (CLNA). Including:

- Identifying disparities or gaps in performance in student and employee data
- Reviewing and addressing missing data points that are important for an accurate understanding of factors leading to disparities.
- Institutionalizing a culture of supporting student groups, including members of Perkins Special Populations, which is maintained by planning and resource allocation.
- Supporting efforts outlined in college strategic plans focused on closing attainment gaps.

Funds are also available for increasing credential attainment specifically for special populations in accordance with the 60 Forward Postsecondary Attainment Goal.

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Blackhawk	Targeting Attainment Gaps in CTE	$42,285
Chippewa Valley	26-27 CVTC Targeting Attainment Gaps	$45,001
Fox Valley	FVTC Perkins Targeting Attainment Gaps in CTE	$50,762
Gateway	Attainment, Retention and Student Success at Gateway Technical College	$68,048
Lakeshore	FY2026-27 Lakeshore Targeting Attainment Gaps in CTE	$28,996
Madison Area	Targeting Attainment Gaps at Madison College	$80,481
Mid-State	Targeting Attainment Gaps for Students & Staff at Mid-State	$27,511
Milwaukee Area	FY 26-27 Targeting Attainment Gaps	$121,360
Moraine Park	26-27 MPTC Targeting Attainment Gaps in CTE	$43,821

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Nicolet Area	Advancing Student Success and Campus Engagement at NATC through Targeted Support and Campus Initiatives	$20,687
Northcentral	Targeting Attainment Gaps at Northcentral Technical College, 2026-2027	$41,779
Northeast Wisconsin	Targeting Attainment Gaps	$54,201
Northwood	Targeting Attainment Gaps at Northwood Tech	$36,652
Southwest Wisconsin	Targeting Gaps	$33,080
Waukesha County	Closing Gaps through Strategic and Holistic Communication	$54,159
Western	02-735 TAG	$44,039

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS)
2026-27 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WTCS BOARD APPROVAL

Source: Perkins V Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century

Focus: Student Success

Type: Formula

Total: $5,927,718 + Flex Funds

Grants in this category are awarded to provide direct student support services aimed at addressing gaps in success outcomes for designated career and technical education student populations. These grants also focus on recruiting and retaining students in nontraditional (NTO) career and technical education programs. They support career awareness, career development and pre-technical activities to encourage enrollment in nontraditional post-secondary career and technical education programs.

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Blackhawk	Achieving Student Success	$389,302
Chippewa Valley	CVTC Achieving Student Success	$428,553
Fox Valley	FVTC Perkins Student Success	$627,209
Gateway	Pathways to Student Success at Gateway Technical College	$738,809
Lakeshore	FY2026-27 Lakeshore Student Success	$217,037
Madison Area	Student Success	$674,322
Mid-State	Supporting Student Success in CTE at Mid-State	$287,219
Milwaukee Area	FY 26-27 Perkins Student Success	$2,173,169
Moraine Park	26-27 Perkins V Student Success	$307,116
Nicolet Area	Achieving Student Success at Nicolet College	$102,948
Northcentral	Achieving Student Success for NTC Students	$454,186
Northeast Wisconsin	Achieving Student Success	$732,015
Northwood	Achieving Student Success & NTO Concentrators	$359,024
Southwest Wisconsin	Student Success	$125,496
Waukesha County	Advancing Student Success in Education through Accessibility, Advising and Strategic Student Communication	$329,609

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Western	02-750 Student Success	$403,143

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS)
2026-27 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WTCS BOARD APPROVAL

Source: Perkins V Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century

Focus: Promoting and Supporting High School to College Transitions for Career and Technical Education Students

Type: Formula

Total: Flex Funds

Grants in this category are awarded only for enhancing a high school student's technical and academic skill, providing opportunities for transition to postsecondary education or the joint development of additional Programs of Study (POS) by the college with one or more secondary partners. Funded activities should supplement the college's other existing efforts to improve high school to postsecondary transitions for secondary students, as well as complement the district's Career Prep Reserve Grant. When looking to create activities for these efforts, consider closing the achievement gap for all students, allowing for greater participation and completion.

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Chippewa Valley	CVTC Promoting and Supporting HS to College Transitions for CTE Students	$103,493
Lakeshore	FY2026-27 Lakeshore High School to College Transition	$42,498
Madison Area	Promoting and Supporting High School to College Transitions for Career and Technical Education Students	$46,319
Southwest Wisconsin	Promoting High School to College	$57,044

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS)
2026-27 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WTCS BOARD APPROVAL

Source: Perkins V Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century

Focus: Strengthening Career and Technical Education Programs

Type: Formula

Total: $2,141,377 + Flex Funds

Grants in this category are awarded to improve the performance outcomes of WTCS programs of significant size and scope that directly link to maintaining or improving Perkins V Core Performance Indicators.

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Blackhawk	Strengthening CTE Programs	$97,326
Chippewa Valley	Strengthening CVTC CTE Programs	$133,012
Fox Valley	FVTC Perkins Strengthening CTE – Culinary (10-316-1)	$156,802
Gateway	Success Coaching, Embedded Tutoring and Targeted Tutoring to Strengthen Programs: Business Management, Human Services and Nursing	$184,702
Lakeshore	FY2026-27 Lakeshore Strengthening Career and Technical Education	$64,884
Madison Area	Strengthening Career & Technical Education Programs	$180,160
Mid-State	Mid-State Strengthening General Education Requirements	$71,805
Milwaukee Area	FY 26-27 Perkins Strengthening	$543,292
Moraine Park	MPTC Strengthening Career and Technical Education (CTE)	$76,779
Nicolet Area	Strengthening Education in Nursing and Business at NATC: Continuing to Build Resilience Through Strengths-Based Coaching	$25,737
Northcentral	Strengthening CTE: NTC's Veterinary Technician Associate Degree Program	$113,546
Northeast Wisconsin	Strengthening CTE Programs	$190,414

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Northwood	Strengthening Programs: 10-543-1 Associate Degree Nursing & General Studies	$80,023
Southwest Wisconsin	Strengthening CTE	$45,635
Waukesha County	Strengthening IT Completion through Proactive Academic Advising and Case Management	$82,402
Western	02-786 Strengthening Programs	$100,786

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS)
2026-27 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WTCS BOARD APPROVAL

Source: Perkins V Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century

Focus: Perkins V Tribal Colleges

Type: Formula

Total: $107,059

The Perkins V Tribal Colleges grant combines the goals of the Student Success, Strengthening Programs and Nontraditional Occupations grants into one application.

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
College of Menominee Nation	Tribal College Student Success	$68,128
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University	Perkins V for Tribal Colleges	$38,931

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS)
2026-27 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WTCS BOARD APPROVAL

Source: Program Revenue

Focus: Work-Based Learning Grants to Tribal Colleges

Type: Formula

Total: $594,000

The Work-Based Learning Grants to Tribal Colleges transfers $594,000 of gaming revenue in each year of the biennium for work-based learning programs to provide work-based learning activities and experiences that might include occupational skills training to youth and adults at the College of Menominee Nation and the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University.

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
College of Menominee Nation	26-27 State Work-Based Learning for TCUs	$297,000
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University	Work-Based Learning for Tribal Colleges	$297,000

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS)
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Source: Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA)

Focus: Adult Education and Literacy Section 231

Type: Competitive

Total: $5,431,820

Grants in the Adult Education and Literacy Section 231 category support evidence-based adult education and literacy activities within geographic regions. Each eligible provider receiving a grant for Section 231 funds must use the awarded funds to deliver programs, activities and services that include adult education, literacy, workplace adult education and literacy activities, family literacy activities, English language acquisition activities, integrated English literacy and civics education, workforce preparation activities or integrated education and training.

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Blackhawk	Comprehensive-Adult Basic Education	$152,352
Chippewa Valley	Chippewa Valley Regional Comprehensive Services Program	$232,243
Fox Valley	FVTC AEFLA Comprehensive Adult Education & Literacy	$318,366
Gateway	Adult Education and Literacy	$577,044
Lakeshore	Lakeshore AEFLA Adult Education and Literacy (Section 231) Consortium	$248,558
Latino Academy of Workforce Development	LAWD Adult Education and Literacy for Workforce Advancement	$71,490
Literacy Green Bay	Pre-Literacy and Pre-Level 1 ELA Population	$33,340
Literacy Services of Wisconsin	Building Futures through Community-Based IETs	$81,895
Madison Area	Adult Basic Education Comprehensive Services Program	$863,057
Mid-State	Mid-State Adult Education and Literacy	$175,404
Milwaukee Area	FY 26-27 AEFLA- Comprehensive	$931,834
Moraine Park	Adult Education and Literacy	$267,314

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Nicolet Area	NATC AEFLA	$101,170
Northcentral	Empowering Futures: Elevating Skills for Success in Education and Employment	$279,811
Northeast Wisconsin	NEW (Northeast Wisconsin) Path to Success	$321,648
Northwood	Northwood Tech Adult Education & Literacy Grant	$218,066
Southwest Wisconsin	AEFLA- Comprehensive	$75,649
Waukesha County	WCTC Comprehensive Services	$224,237
Western	02-701 AEFLA Comprehensive (Sec. 231)	$258,342

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS)
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Source: Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA)

Focus: Programs for Corrections Education & Other Institutionalized Individuals Section 225 Grant

Type: Competitive

Total: $700,000

Grants in the Programs for Corrections Education and Other Institutionalized Individuals Section 225 category shall conduct corrections education and education for other institutionalized individuals. Funds within this category shall be used for the cost of educational programs for criminal offenders in correctional institutions and for other institutionalized individuals, including academic programs such as adult education and literacy activities, integrated education and training and transition post release services with the goal of reducing recidivism.

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Fox Valley	FVTC AEFLA Re-Entry	$55,000
Jefferson County Literacy Council	Preparing for Reentry	$49,200
Lakeshore	FY2026-27 Lakeshore AEFLA Programs for Corrections Education (Section 225) Consortium	$75,000
Literacy Services of Wisconsin	Restoring Futures through Credentials	$75,000
Madison Area	Project for Institutionalized Adults	$17,930
Mid-State	Mid-State Programs for Corrections Education	$45,250
Milwaukee Area	FY 26-27 AEFLA - Re-Entry	$75,000
Moraine Park	Corrections Education	$36,340
Northcentral	Building Bridges to Re-Entry: Education and Skills for a Fresh Start	$75,000
Northwood	Corrections to Careers	$46,280
Waukesha County	Waukesha County Technical College Corrections	$75,000
Western	02-704 AEFLA Reentry	$75,000

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Source: Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA)

Focus: Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Section 243 Grant

Type: Competitive

Total: $516,009

Integrated English Literacy Civics and Education Section 243 funds provide educational programs for adults (including professionals with degrees and credentials in their native countries) that enable such adults to achieve competency in English language and acquire the basic and more advanced skills needed to function effectively as parents, workers and citizens in the United States.

Grant Recipient	***Initiative***	***Amount***
Fox Valley	FVTC AEFLA IELCE	$75,000
Latino Academy of Workforce Development	Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education	$75,000
Literacy Network of Dane County	Transitions English & Advising	$72,003
Literacy Services of Wisconsin	Empowering Voices for Civic Opportunities	$75,000
Madison Area	Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Project	$75,000
Waukesha County	Waukesha County Technical College IELCE	$72,003
Western	02-705 AEFLA IELCE (Sec. 243)	$72,003

ITEM M: 2026-27 TUITION RECOMMENDATION

WTCS Executive Vice President Paul Hammer

Resolution:

That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, the per credit tuition rates for 2026-27, beginning with the summer session, shall be as follows:

Occupational	**$157.45 per credit**
Occupational non-resident addition	**$78.73 per credit**
Associate of Arts/Associate of Science	**$196.05 per credit**
Associate of Arts/Associate of Science non-resident addition	**$98.03 per credit**

The System Board is required by statute to annually set uniform tuition charges for the subsequent academic year. A Tuition Workgroup consisting of four System Board members was established to provide System Office staff guidance for making a recommendation regarding tuition. The Tuition Workgroup considered many factors including college costs and enrollment projections, state aid, property tax levy, President's Association recommendation, Wisconsin Student Government recommendation, student financial assistance, financial need and budgets, student debt, the consumer price index and the higher education price index. The Tuition Workgroup also reviewed historical information regarding tuition for WTCS, the Universities of Wisconsin and at two-year institutions both nationally and within the Midwest region.

Appendix A provides historical information regarding WTCS tuition.

Appendix B provides historical information regarding Universities of Wisconsin resident tuition. The Board of Regents traditionally sets tuition for the Universities of Wisconsin in the summer for the upcoming academic year.

Appendix C provides historical information regarding tuition and fees at two-year public postsecondary colleges both nationally and in the Midwest.

Based on the guidance provided by the Tuition Workgroup, as well as a review of relevant data and information, the System President recommends tuition rates for fiscal year 2026-27 as follows:

- Occupational $157.45 per credit; and
- Associate of Arts/Associate of Science $196.05 per credit

The proposed 2026-27 tuition rates represent a 3.0% increase over the 2025-26 rates for the Occupational tuition rate of $152.85 ($4.60 increase) and a 2.0 % increase over the

2025-26 rates for the Associate of Arts/Associate of Science rate of $192.20 ($3.85 increase). For a full-time student taking 15 credits a semester, the proposed tuition rates would mean an increase of $69.00 per semester for an Occupational student and an increase of $57.75 per semester for an Associate of Arts/Associate of Science student.

Under state statute, Occupational program tuition must recover not less than 14% of the statewide average operational costs of providing this program, while Associate of Arts/Associate of Science program tuition must recover not less than 31% of the statewide average operational costs of providing this program. With the 2026-27 proposed rates, Occupational tuition would recover a projected 19.2% of operational costs and Associate of Arts/Associate of Science tuition would recover a projected 34.8% of operational costs.

Non-Resident Tuition

State statutes require the non-resident tuition rate to be established at 150% of the in-state tuition rate. To arrive at the total per credit charge, the resident rate must be added to the corresponding additional non-resident rate. The following information provides the total for nonresident tuition based on the recommended 3.0% and 2.0% increase for Occupational rate and Associate of Arts/Associate of Science rate, respectively.

PER CREDIT CHARGE

	OCCUPATIONAL	**ASSOCIATE OF ARTS/ ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE**
TUITION (RESIDENT)	$157.45	$196.05
NON-RESIDENT TUITION ADDITION	$78.73	$98.03
TOTAL NON-RESIDENT TUITION	$236.18	$294.08

Appendix A

WTCS Tuition

Academic Year	*Occpt. Per Credit	*Occpt. #Annual	*Occpt. Percentage Change	**AA/AS Per Credit	**AA/AS #Annual	**AA/AS Percentage Change
2016-17	130.35	3,910	1.5	176.35	5,290	1.5
2017-18	132.20	3,966	1.4	178.80	5,364	1.4
2018-19	134.20	4,026	1.5	181.50	5,445	1.5
2019-20	136.50	4,095	1.7	184.60	5,538	1.7
2020-21	138.90	4,167	1.75	187.85	5,636	1.75
2021-22	141.00	4,230	1.5	188.90	5,667	0.55
2022-23	143.45	4,304	1.75	188.90	5,667	0.00
2023-24	146.20	4,386	1.9	188.90	5,667	0.00
2024-25	149.50	4,485	2.25	188.90	5,667	0.00
2025-26	152.85	4,586	2.25	192.20	5,766	1.75

*Occpt. – Occupational

**AA/AS – Associate of Arts/Associate of Science

#Annual tuition amount is based on 30 credits/year (15/semester).

APPENDIX B

Universities of Wisconsin Tuition

Academic Year	2-Year Per Credit	2-Year Annual	2-Year % Change	PKSD Per Credit	PKSD Annual	PKSD % Change	UW-Mad Per Credit	UW-Mad Annual	UW-Mad % Change
2016-17	197.93	4,750	0.0	262.43	6,298	0.0	386.39	9,273	0.0
2017-18	197.93	4,750	0.0	262.43	6,298	0.0	386.39	9,273	0.0
2018-19	197.93	4,750	0.0	262.43	6,298	0.0	386.39	9,273	0.0
2019-20	197.93	4,750	0.0	262.43	6,298	0.0	386.39	9,273	0.0
2020-21	197.93	4,750	0.0	262.43	6,298	0.0	386.39	9,273	0.0
2021-22	197.93	4,750	0.0	262.43	6,298	0.0	386.39	9,273	0.0
2022-23	197.93	4,750	0.0	262.43	6,298	0.0	386.39	9,273	0.0
2023-24	206.84	4,964	4.5	274.24	6,582	4.5	401.85	9,644	4.0
2024-25	214.60	5,150	3.75	290.75	6,978	6.0	416.92	10,006	3.75
2025-26	225.33	5,408	5.0	305.29	7,327	5.0	437.77	10,506	5.0

2-Year – Two-Year Branch Campuses

PKSD – UW-Parkside

UW-Mad – UW-Madison

Notes

- The per credit rate is charged if a UW student takes less than 12 credits in a semester. The annual rate is charged if a student takes 12 to 18 credits in a semester. A per credit rate is also charged for each credit over 18.
- The percentage change column is based on the annual rate and not the per credit rate.
- The tuition for UW 4-Yr (non-doctoral) campuses varies; the amounts shown is the base level.
- UW-Milwaukee's tuition is slightly lower than UW-Madison's.

Source: The Universities of Wisconsin Tuition Schedule, 2025-26

APPENDIX C

NATIONAL AND MIDWEST TRENDS

Two-Year Public Postsecondary Education Institutions

Tuition and Fees

Academic Year	Annual National Average	National Average Percentage Change	Annual Midwest Region* Average	Midwest Region* Average Percentage Change
2016-17	3,520	2.5	4,090	1.6
2017-18	3,570	1.4	4,220	3.2
2018-19	3,660	2.5	4,350	3.1
2019-20	3,730	1.9	4,460	2.5
2020-21	3,770	1.1	4,610	3.4
2021-22	3,800	0.8	4,750	3.0
2022-23	3,860	1.6	4,890	2.9
2023-24	3,990	3.4	4,970	1.6
2024-25	4,050	1.5	5,120	3.0
2025-26	4,150	2.5	5,270	2.9

*Midwest Region includes Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Source: “Trends in College Pricing 2025” by College Board Publications, New York, NY.

ITEM N: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

WTCS Executive Vice President Paul Hammer
WTCS Policy Advisor Megan Stritchko
WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo

An update on recent state and federal legislative activity affecting the Wisconsin Technical College System will be provided.

ITEM O: ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Board President Sara Rogers

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the WTCS Board is May 19, 2026, at the Hill Farms State Office Building in Madison.