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CVTC highlights local impact of proposed assembly bill amendment

EAU CLAIRE – Chippewa Valley Technical College, one of 16 institutions and part of Wisconsin’s largest higher education system, serves over 20,000 students throughout west central Wisconsin every year.

Wisconsin technical colleges are in every community throughout the state, working closely with employer partners to deliver the local workforce they need to thrive in today’s global economy. Together, Wisconsin technical colleges serve more than 274,000 students throughout the state.

Currently, technical colleges are funded through a mix of state aid, student tuition and fees, and local property tax revenue. The local operating levy is integral to the relationships between technical colleges and local businesses, and the communities they serve.

This local investment and engagement drive technical colleges’ responsiveness to and alignment with the diverse needs of Wisconsin’s workers, employers, and communities.

An amendment to Assembly Bill 2 passed out of Committee Thursday without an opportunity for public testimony. The Bill (AB 2) replaces colleges’ operational levy with state aid, eliminating local control of technical college programs and services.

“We believe there is a great benefit to keeping our technical colleges locally accountable and responsible to the stakeholders of west central Wisconsin as allowed through the current funding structure and oppose the AB 2,” said Sunem Beaton-Garcia, President of CVTC. “The impact and success of this localized approach have been proven over many years, with 86 percent of CVTC graduates employed in Wisconsin and nearly 70 percent within the CVTC district.”

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ABOUT CVTC: With 120+ programs, 37 certificates and 15 apprenticeships offered online and on-campus, Chippewa Valley Technical College delivers innovative, applied and flexible education that supports a diverse community of learners, improves the lives of students and adds value to our communities. CVTC [programs](#) are designed with the input of employers throughout the CVTC district to prepare graduates for today’s jobs with 96 percent employed within six months of graduation and associate degree graduates earning an average annual salary of \$50,567.

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