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“Next Generation Workforce” Plan For Technical Colleges Deserves Support, Holperin Says

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Wisconsin’s 16 technical colleges have developed a state budget request that would allocate aid dollars to several initiatives important to northern Wisconsin.

“I support the Wisconsin Technical College System’s ‘Next Generation Workforce’ budget package,” said State Senate candidate Jim Holperin today.

The package calls for a boost of \$13 million in state aid each year for Wisconsin’s Technical Colleges, with the increase to go to:

- *classes to train workers in renewable energy occupations.
- *classes that lead to degrees in health care occupations.
- *training in advanced manufacturing skills.
- *fire service training for over 800 local fire departments.
- *programs to assure students stay in school until they earn a degree.

Other components of the package address local labor shortages, small business grant participation, campus infrastructure needs, minority student retention and other issues.

“The 12th Senate District does not have a University of Wisconsin campus,” Holperin said. “But we are served by three outstanding technical colleges...Nicolet Area, Northcentral and Northeast Wisconsin...which offer practical ‘close-to-home’ higher education. This area’s State Senator needs to be an aggressive and effective advocate for technical colleges and I pledge to be that advocate.”

Holperin said technical colleges are the schools people turn to when they need training or credentials, but also want to stay in the area, keep their current jobs, and continue to support their families.

