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Assembly Passes Resolution Proclaiming February as Career and Technical Education Month in Wisconsin

MADISON- Today the Wisconsin State Assembly officially recognized February as Career and Technical Education month in Wisconsin. The resolution was proposed by Representative Warren Petryk to help promote the services and benefits offered by career and technical education programs throughout the state.

“I often hear from employers that they are challenged to find the skilled talent they need to help their businesses succeed. One of the causes for this situation which they frequently point out is that students graduating from the K-12 system may not realize that there are multiple post-secondary routes towards a successful career,” said Petryk. “We need help to make sure parents and students have the tools they need to make informed career choices.”

With three Technical Colleges near the 93rd Assembly District, career and technical education is an attractive option for students. According to the Wisconsin Technical College System, 94% of graduates have a job within 6 months with a median salary for an associate degree being \$42,803. Another important statistic is that 80% of the graduates still live and work in Wisconsin after 5 years, helping make our Technical Colleges an eye-catching career path.

“From hands-on career awareness and exploration for prospective students of all ages, to unprecedented opportunities for high school students to earn tech college credits and credentials before high school graduation, Wisconsin’s technical colleges are ready partners in delivering elementary, secondary and postsecondary Career & Technical Education,” said Dr. Morna Foy, President of the Wisconsin Technical College System.

In addition to supporting Career and Technical Education, Representative Petryk passed a Career and Technical Education Incentive Grant to encourage school districts to offer programs to mitigate the workforce shortage in high-need industries. The program has been extremely successful with over 307 school districts participating in 2017.

“These strong investments have continued since I’ve been in the Assembly and I look forward to further promoting this strong career path,” concluded Petryk.

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