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TONY EVERS ANNOUNCES FIRST PORTION OF FUNDING FOR NEW UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE SCIENCE BUILDING IS INCLUDED IN BUDGET

Governor Tony Evers visited the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Thursday morning to announce that he has put the first portion of funding to a new Science & Health Sciences building on the UW-Eau Claire campus in his biennial budget. Evers states that “with the new Mayo partnership, a new science building, and multiple capacity building initiatives, students will be able to receive an education and be prepared for the workforce here in Eau Claire.” Students at UW-Eau Claire are in support of this funding.

This Science and Health Sciences building will help to address the impending nursing workforce gap, help produce skilled health science researchers, and address the shortage of rural doctors by becoming a pre-med destination for rural students. It will also create the opportunity to work with Mayo Clinic Health System and create an innovation hub in northwest Wisconsin focused on excellence in research in community healthcare.

The current Science building on campus, Phillips Hall, was built in 1963 and accounts for 34 percent of annual work orders for facilities on campus. Hallways and closets have been converted into research space, equipment is covered nightly to prevent water and bug damage, and the building is infested with wasps, mice, and bats.

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