

Gov. Walker: Tours Three Lakes High School fab lab

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MADISON – Governor Scott Walker visited Three Lakes High School today to tour the school's fabrication laboratory (fab lab) facilities and highlight the state budget's historic \$639 million increase for K-12 education.

"With new business pouring into the state, it is more important now than ever to foster and retain Wisconsin's young talent," said Governor Walker. "Our state budget increases support for career exploration programs, such as fab labs, which enable students to develop and hone the skills they need to be successful in today's global economy. We know that by investing in our students' success, we are also investing in Wisconsin's future economic success."

The Fab Lab Grants Program aims to prepare students for the workplace with high-technology workshops equipped with computer-controlled manufacturing components such as 3D printers, laser engravers, computer numerical control routers, and plasma cutters. In these facilities, students use the equipment for instructional and educational purposes, gaining valuable hands-on experience in science, technology, engineering, and math.

The 2017-2019 Biennial Budget will include more actual dollars for K-12 education than ever before in Wisconsin's history. The \$639 million increase will support all the state's K-12 schools. Investments include career exploration programs, such as the Early College Credit Program, Career and Technical Education grants, Fabrication Laboratories, and other programs that help ensure every student succeeds.

For more information on the state's fab labs, including resources for teachers, visit



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