

U.S. Rep. Kind: Tours Western Technical College's Sparta campus to discuss job training and closing the skills gap

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Sparta – Today, U.S. Rep. Ron Kind visited Western Technical College's Sparta campus, and met with instructors and students in WTC's Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement and Fire Protection Technician programs. The school also offers non-credit public safety certifications for professionals in Wisconsin. While touring the facility, Rep. Kind discussed the importance of technical education and continuing education opportunities in Wisconsin, and closing the skills gap for local students and employers.

“Wisconsin's Third Congressional District is home to great universities and technical colleges that offer comprehensive training for jobs in industries Wisconsin is proud of, like manufacturing, agriculture, business, and public safety,” said Rep. Ron Kind. “I'm thankful for the opportunity to tour WTC's Sparta campus to see their wide variety of training programs, and enjoyed hearing more about how we can better connect our students to jobs that need to be filled right here in Wisconsin.”

The visit to Western Technical College is part of Rep. Kind's “Grown in Wisconsin” tour, which focuses on: Growing Wisconsin Workers, Creating Wisconsin Jobs and

Strengthening Wisconsin Businesses. The tour includes visits with local manufacturers, small businesses, students, and roundtables on the impact of tariff retaliation on the rural economy.