

# Dept. of Workforce Development: Secretary-designee Frostman visits Milwaukee's Gen. Mitchell Airport to highlight project SEARCH program, discuss budget

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## *Gov. Evers' budget fully funds Project SEARCH program*

MILWAUKEE - Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary-designee Caleb Frostman today visited Milwaukee's General Mitchell International Airport to highlight Wisconsin's commitment to Project SEARCH while also touting Governor Evers' 2019-2021 Wisconsin State Budget which fully funds the Project SEARCH program. Secretary-designee Frostman toured the airport, met with Project SEARCH interns and sat-down with officials from General Mitchell, Milwaukee Public Schools and Goodwill to discuss the program.

"Preparing our future workforce through innovative programs like Project SEARCH is vital to Wisconsin's success, and I applaud General Mitchell, Goodwill Industries, Milwaukee Public Schools and DWD's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation staff for the commitment they demonstrate to the success of these talented Project SEARCH interns every day," Secretary-designee Frostman said. "I am proud that Governor Evers' budget continues to fund Project SEARCH, recognizing the value that individuals with disabilities bring not only to Wisconsin's workforce, but our communities and state as a whole."

Project SEARCH is an international program operating in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and Ireland. The program partnership includes a local business, a school or schools, DWD's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and a vocational services agency. The business

provides onsite training in both a classroom and work setting while the school provides the instructor and DVR works with the service agencies to provide job coaches and other supports to the students while they participate in the program. During the 2017-2018 school year, 197 individuals with disabilities participated in Project SEARCH Wisconsin, with 191 graduating from the program (97% graduation rate).

For more information please visit DWD's Project SEARCH [website](#).