

Sen. Marklein: Statement on UW Platteville - Richland transition

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MADISON – Sen. Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) made the following statement regarding the University of Wisconsin (UW) System announcement to transition UW Platteville – Richland away from in person instruction:

“I am saddened to hear that the UW Board of Regents has decided to end in person instruction at UW Richland. I know this was a difficult decision that they have been discussing for quite some time as the number of students attending classes at the UW Richland campus has fallen to less than 60 full-time students.

I am reassured to know that the UW system is going to do everything they can to support and guide the students, faculty and staff through this transition. It is my understanding that they will all be offered options at other campuses and assistance to move forward. It is also my understanding that the UW will work with our community to explore options to maintain the UW system’s presence in Richland County by offering alternative programming and collaborating with local stakeholders.

There is no doubt that this is a major change for our community. The campus has been a hub of activity and learning for many, many years. I appreciate the UW’s efforts to provide options for those affected and ideas for ways to fill in the gaps that this departure will leave in Richland County.”