

Richland County Board: UW-Richland information session and town hall meeting to be held

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RICHLAND CENTER, WISCONSIN: An information session and town hall meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26 from 6:30pm to 8:15pm on the UW-Richland campus.

On November 22, 2022, UW System President Jay Rothman issued a directive to end in-person instruction at UW-Richland due to low student enrollment. The community [responded with a petition](#) containing 1,800 signatures addressed to Governor Evers, State Senator Howard Marklein, Assemblyman Kurtz, and President Rothman, asking them to meet with the community to share ideas about how to save our campus. The town hall meeting is a direct result of the petition.

In December, the Richland County Board of Supervisors [unanimously passed Resolution 22-131](#) on an 18 - 0 roll call vote. Among other items, the resolution:

- Implores the UW System to return a full-time recruiter to UW-Richland
- Directs the County to work with the UW System to determine a mutually beneficial minimum level of student enrollment, with the development of clear annual targets to quickly return to the minimum enrollment level
- Submits a budget request for \$4 million for the 2023 - 2024 academic year to maintain a branch campus at UW-Richland

Senator Marklein and Assemblyman Kurtz have RSVP'd and plan to attend. UW System President Rothman has RSVP'd and is sending Jeff Buhandt, UW System Vice President for University Relations, to attend as his representative. Governor Evers has been invited but has not yet RSVP'd.

The meeting will begin with a presentation of background information about UW-Richland. It will then be opened up to individuals in the community to share their ideas about how to save our campus. State officials will also be given the opportunity to share their ideas.

The meeting will be held in the [Pippin Conference Center of Melvill Hall](#), 1200 US Highway 14, Richland Center. Everyone is invited to attend.