

Washington County Exec Schoemann: State Legislature supports UWM-Washington County campus transition

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West Bend, WI – Last night the Wisconsin State Legislature’s Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) adopted a budget motion allocating \$3.35 million in support of the transition of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee – Washington County (UWM-WC) from a two-year UWM branch campus to Moraine Park Technical College (MPTC). This action demonstrates support of the findings of the Washington County Task Force on Higher Education that recommended a “community college concept” after determining the two-year campus is unsustainable.

The motion requires Washington County, UWM, MPTC and UW System work together to develop a plan over the next several months that will address the issues identified by the task force.

Washington County Executive Josh Schoemann said, “I am grateful for the leadership of our legislature and the forward thinking of Joint Finance to support Washington County in this important work. Our task force did an outstanding job, and I am confident we will find solutions that will benefit all of the stakeholders. I look forward to the opportunity to work together to create a win-win-win for our students, businesses and community.”

The UWM-WC Task Force was formed by County Executive Schoemann in October 2022 and was co-chaired by John Torinus, former CEO of Serigraph, and Paul Stangl, President of Wisconsin Stamping.

To read the *Task Force Findings, Solutions* report, visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/HigherEducationTaskForceReport>