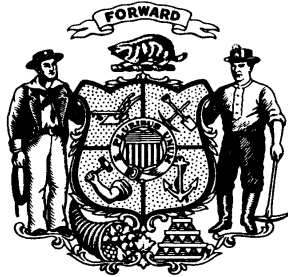


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December 17, 2012

Mr. John Ashley, Executive Director
Wisconsin Association of School Boards
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Dear Mr. Ashley:

We are writing in our capacity as Chair and Vice Chair of the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Improving Educational Opportunities in High School. The Special Committee is directed to develop legislation to create and enhance opportunities for both lower and higher achieving students in high school. Specifically, the Special Committee is required to evaluate current options available to high school students for both career and technical education and post-secondary enrollment, including the Youth Options Program; examine both career and technical education and post-secondary enrollment options available to high school students in other states; and determine how to promote coordination between high schools, technical colleges, universities, and employers to ensure that high school students have the skills necessary to meet the workforce needs of employers in this state.

The Special Committee has heard testimony and had numerous discussions regarding the lack of technical education courses that are available in high school. Recently, the Special Committee heard a presentation from Mr. James Golembeski, Executive Director of the Bay Area Workforce Development Board, regarding computer integrated manufacturing mobile labs. Mr. Golembeski explained that the computer integrated manufacturing mobile lab includes a computer numerical control (CNC) lathe, CNC mill, smart board, and diesel engine. In addition to the manufacturing mobile lab, he also described the electro-mechanical mobile lab, which will be the second mobile lab in operation. Mr. Golembeski also explained that mobile labs could be set up on a regional basis and that schools could offer courses prior to the hands-on experience provided by the mobile labs.

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The Special Committee believes that mobile labs offer school districts the opportunity to offer more technical education courses in high school, especially those districts that do not have the resources and equipment to conduct technical education classes in their school buildings and districts that are long distances from technical college campuses. Therefore, the Special Committee encourages you to advise your members about this new opportunity to increase the number of technical education courses available in high school and look into ways of expanding this method or similar methods of bringing technical education to students.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Senator Luther Olsen, Chair
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