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TO: Members
Study Committee on the Review of Wisconsin Technical
College System Funding and Governance

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SUBJECT: Increase in Wisconsin Technical College Debt Levy from 2004-05 to 2013-14
(Revised with Corrected Attachment 2)

This memorandum provides information on increases in the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) debt levy between 2004-05 and 2013-14.

Attachment 1 shows the increase in the debt levy for each technical college district in each year between 2004-05 and 2013-14. As the attachment shows, the debt levy increased significantly in 2011-12 and 2012-13. In 2011-12, the debt levy for the Madison Area Technical College district increased by \$15.17 million compared to the previous year, representing 84% of the total debt levy increase in that year. In 2012-13, the debt levy for Fox Valley Technical College district increased by \$5.59 million compared to the previous year, or 25% of the total debt levy increase in that year, while an additional \$10.24 million of the debt levy increase, or 45% of the total increase in that year, is attributable to the Milwaukee Area Technical College. Both Madison and Fox Valley voters passed referenda that resulted in their debt levy increases, while Milwaukee has increased its use of short-term promissory notes for building remodeling and improvement, movable equipment, and on a one-time basis in 2012-13, funding to refinance other post-employment benefits obligations. Attachment 2 lists the technical college districts that passed referenda from 1999 to the present, including the amounts of the referenda.

I hope that this information is helpful.

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Attachment

ATTACHMENT 1

WTCS Debt Levy by District, 2004-05 to 2013-14 (\$ in Millions)

	<u>2004-05</u>	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>
Blackhawk	\$3.67	\$3.96	\$4.26	\$4.55	\$4.70	\$4.72	\$4.00	\$4.15	\$4.53	\$4.74
Chippewa Valley	6.46	6.84	7.24	7.55	7.40	6.50	6.50	5.80	5.80	5.40
Fox Valley	7.55	5.79	5.42	5.48	6.15	7.32	9.48	9.72	15.31	15.43
Gateway	5.52	5.75	5.95	6.25	6.56	6.96	7.18	7.73	8.28	8.88
Lakeshore	3.56	3.97	3.98	4.10	4.14	4.23	4.25	4.25	4.31	4.29
Madison Area	7.96	8.64	8.49	8.55	9.00	9.54	10.30	25.47	30.15	30.15
Mid-State	2.76	2.79	2.97	3.16	3.34	3.51	3.82	4.18	4.22	3.93
Milwaukee Area	26.85	27.09	27.75	26.49	26.68	28.29	31.14	32.12	42.36	40.00
Moraine Park	5.57	5.68	6.08	6.00	6.04	5.78	5.85	5.80	6.00	6.00
Nicolet	1.84	2.07	2.37	2.37	2.37	2.37	2.37	2.37	2.79	2.79
Northcentral	5.98	5.85	5.67	5.72	5.95	6.86	7.32	7.97	7.92	8.57
Northeast WI	11.73	12.62	13.88	14.85	15.89	16.14	15.47	15.26	15.26	15.26
Southwest WI	2.18	2.45	2.46	2.46	3.63	5.00	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.64
Waukesha Co	8.91	9.14	8.94	8.68	8.68	8.54	8.79	8.79	8.79	8.79
Western	8.28	8.33	8.25	8.11	7.37	8.21	9.09	9.88	10.22	16.49
WI Indianhead	<u>4.57</u>	<u>4.77</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>5.31</u>	<u>5.45</u>	<u>5.68</u>	<u>5.76</u>	<u>5.92</u>	<u>6.07</u>	<u>6.22</u>
Total	\$113.39	\$115.74	\$118.71	\$119.63	\$123.35	\$129.65	\$135.96	\$154.05	\$176.65	\$181.58
Change to Prior Year										
Amount		\$2.35	\$2.97	\$0.92	\$3.72	\$6.30	\$6.31	\$18.09	\$22.60	\$4.93
Percent		2.07%	2.57%	0.77%	3.11%	5.11%	4.87%	13.31%	14.67%	2.79%

ATTACHMENT 2

Technical College Referendums 1999 to Date (\$ in Millions)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Technical College District</u>	<u>Referendum Amount</u>
April, 1999	Waukesha County	\$26.3
April, 2001	Northeast Wisconsin	46.6
November, 2002	Blackhawk	17.5
April, 2008	Southwest Wisconsin	31.9
November, 2010	Madison Area	133.8
April, 2012	Fox Valley	66.5
November, 2012	Western	79.8

Source: WTCS