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## **CVTC to Hold Public Hearing on Facilities Proposals**

### ***Board nearing final decision on spring referendum***

**Eau Claire, WI** – Chippewa Valley Technical College will hold a public hearing Thursday, Dec. 19 to receive input on \$48.8 million of facilities projects that could become the subject of a spring referendum.

The hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Room 100A of the Business Education Center, 620 W. Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire.

In September, the CVTC board authorized a survey of district residents conducted by School Perceptions LLC to gauge support for facilities projects and their tolerance of the property tax impact. After evaluating the survey results, the CVTC District Board passed a resolution Dec. 5 stating its intent to issue \$48.8 million in bonds to fund facilities projects to address regional workforce needs.

At that meeting, the board was presented with a preliminary plan calling for construction of a Transportation Education Center for \$28 million, an addition and remodeling at the Emergency Services Education Center for 9.2 million, the addition of an automated fabrication lab, for \$3 million, and purchase of land in River Falls for \$2.5 million. The project also includes remodeling at the Menomonie and Chippewa Falls campuses, mobile labs, a storage facility, additional labs, and razing of the West Annex building near the Business Education Center.

“Many of these projects cannot be funded within our annual capital budget,” said CVTC President Bruce Barker. “Therefore, the Board of Trustees would need to authorize a referendum to fund them.”

With over 155 programs offered both online and on-campus, Chippewa Valley Technical College delivers superior, progressive technical education which improves the lives of students, meets the workforce needs of the region, and strengthens the community. CVTC programs are designed with input of business and industry to prepare graduates for today’s jobs, with 95 percent employed within six months of graduation and associate degree graduates earning an average annual salary of \$46,816.

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