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## Western Announces District Board Opportunity

LA CROSSE, Wis. – Monica Kruse, Chairperson of the Western Technical College District Board Appointment Committee, has announced that she will accept applications from District residents for consideration for appointment to the Board. Application materials will be available beginning Thursday, May 2, 2024, and must be returned by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

The Board Appointment Committee, comprised of the County Board Chairpersons representing the 11 counties that Western encompasses, will appoint one person to the Western District Board at a public hearing and meeting scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 10, 2024. The appointment will be for one School District Administrator member with a threeyear term commencing July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027, and will be made in accordance with the Plan of Representation. The Plan of Representation states that the District Board must be organized to represent employees, employers, and the general population at large throughout the district, giving equal consideration for male, female, and minority representation.

The Western Technical College District encompasses 11 counties in Wisconsin. Currently, the District Board has four representatives from La Crosse County and one from each of the following counties: Trempealeau, Jackson, Juneau, and Vernon.

County	Representation of Population in Western's District 2023
La Crosse	45.19%
Monroe	17.13%
Vernon	10.66%
Trempealeau	9.16%
Juneau	8.69%
Jackson	6.44%
Buffalo	2.15%
Crawford	0.46%
Richland	0.07%
Clark	0.05%
Sauk	0.01%
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The District Board member category with an upcoming vacancy is a School District Administrator member who must reside within the Western Technical College District.

The Western District Board is responsible for administering vocational, technical, and adult education programs and services in the District as authorized by the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board and in accordance with the state legislature. Appointments are subject to confirmation by the WTCS Board.

Applicants must submit at least two letters of reference supporting their nomination to the District Board. They must attend a public hearing and meeting of the District Board Appointment Committee to be interviewed.

Application materials are available at the office of Monica Kruse, Chairperson, Board Appointment Committee of the Western Technical College District, beginning May 2, 2024. For application materials, please

call 608.785.9563. Additionally, application materials may be accessed at - <u>https://www.westerntc.edu/board-</u> appointment-process.

Completed applications must be submitted to the Chairperson of the Board Appointment Committee no sooner than Thursday, May 2, 2024, and no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 15, 2024. Address all materials and inquiries concerning applications to:

Ms. Monica Kruse, Chairperson Board Appointment Committee of the Western Technical College District La Crosse County Administrative Center 212 6<sup>th</sup> Street North La Crosse, WI 54601

The Western District Board holds regular meetings during the afternoon of the third Tuesday of each month at the District offices in La Crosse. The District Board annually sets the regular meeting times and dates at its July organizational meeting. Special Board meetings are held as needed. District Board members serve without compensation but receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in official duties. District Board members must abide by the State of Wisconsin Code of Ethics and file a financial disclosure statement with the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board.

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