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Rep. Snodgrass Statement on the June 2025 Closing of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh - Fox Cities Campus

APPLETON, Wis - Representative Lee Snodgrass (D-Appleton) released the following statement on the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt's announcement of the future closure of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh-Fox Cities Campus.

"I was deeply disappointed to learn of the news to close the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh-Fox Cities campus effective June 2025. While one cannot deny the dramatic dip in enrollment due to an increase in choices for post-secondary education, and a decline in birth rates, we must also acknowledge that Republicans in the state legislature have habitually eroded funding to the Universities of Wisconsin. Without state investments to backfill tuition freezes over the last decade, it is impossible to imagine any circumstance where the campuses of the Universities of Wisconsin could thrive. The state bears responsibility here as well.

"Today's announcement creates an education gap that will profoundly impact first generation, immigrant students, and those looking for an affordable way to ease into their college program. I will continue to push for a greater investment in Wisconsin's public education, including increased funding for our colleges and universities. Our state is world-renowned for our public education opportunities. The impact of the Universities of Wisconsin in preparing students for their future, strengthens our workforce, economy, and businesses beyond state lines. To invest in education is to invest in the future of Wisconsin.

"My office is available for assistance for students, faculty, and staff impacted by today's news."

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