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## **Commissioner from Minnesota Office of Higher Ed tours Inver Hills campus**

*Visit highlights \$698,000 investment to renovate Technology & Business Center*

Commissioner Larry Pogemiller, Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE), toured Inver Hills Community College Wednesday afternoon, April 21, 2018, to highlight Governor Mark Dayton's recommendation for funding included in his Capital Investment bill. Governor Dayton has recommended \$698,000 as a first step to modernize and renovate lab and classroom space for technology and business programs. The intent is to upgrade 31,800 square feet of the existing Technology & Business Center, creating state-of-the-art learning environments for programs that lead to high-paying, high-demand careers.

Additionally, Dayton has requested an additional \$5.98M for HEAPR. The funds are needed for crucial upgrades to electrical infrastructure, HVAC systems and roofing.

"It is evident from my visit that the Governor's bonding recommendations for Inver Hills Community College are necessary, both to maintain and improve the existing infrastructure, and to modernize and renovate critical labs and classrooms," Pogemiller said.

"For our state to meet the growing demands for an educated and trained workforce, investments such as these must be considered a priority. I am hopeful the legislature will send a robust bonding package to the Governor soon so we can take full advantage of the spring building season."

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