

Dear Members of the Special Committee on Improving Educational Opportunities in High School:

This letter is being written in response to the request for an audit of Wisconsin's school-based work experience programs, specifically in regard to Manitowoc County's Youth Apprenticeship Program. Aurora Health Care has been involved with this program for many, many years and has hired 1 – 2 students per school year to work for us over that time. Of those student all have gone on to pursue higher education in the health care field, a few have returned for employment at Aurora Health Care.

We have found this program to be of great value to us in terms of developing a skilled workforce. The benefits as we see them have been:

- Fostering good relationships between schools and local businesses
- Providing dual credit opportunities for high school students
- Assisting students in defining and refining career goals according to their experiences
- Providing a jump start into adult apprenticeship, post-secondary education, or the local workforce
- Contributing to a skilled and educated workforce

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,



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