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PROP J FORUM — SCC President Dr. Barbara Kavalier addresses a room of Wright City-area residents who came to ask questions about Proposition J Oct. 21 at Wright City Scenic Regional Library. Adam Rollins photo.

Prop J supporters face questions

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Advocates for Proposition J, a tax levy in two local school districts that would support a future Warren County technical school, addressed concerns and questions from Wright City residents Monday evening.

St. Charles Community College President Dr. Barbara Kavalier was the lead speaker of the evening. SCC is proposing Prop J in response to a desire from local businesses to bring technical training programs to Warren County. Prop J would bring the residents of the Warren County R-III and Wright City R-II school districts into SCC's taxing district, and in exchange SCC would build and operate a tech school to serve the Warren County region.

Also speaking was Steve Etcher with the Greater Warren County Economic Development Council.

The GWCEDC is the leading group advocating for technical training in Warren County as a way to support local manufacturers, create job growth and draw new employers to the area.

About 20 members of the public came to ask questions Monday evening, ranging from concerns about taxes for older residents to how many students a local program would serve.

Below are the major questions the residents sought to address.

What programs would be offered?

Replying to a question about what would be taught at SCC's technical school, Etcher said there are five core program categories that have been identified: welding, advanced manufacturing processes, industrial maintenance, agriculture technology, and transportation/logistics.

Those are the skills that are currently in demand and support

Second forum planned for Monday in Warrenton

St. Charles Community College will host another public forum to answer questions about Proposition J Monday, Oct. 28, from 6-7 p.m. at the Warrenton Scenic Regional Library.

If approved, SCC would establish and operate a technical school in Warren County, and residents of the school districts would be eligible for in-district tuition for SCC programs. SCC administrators and Prop J advocates will be on-hand at the library to provide more information about the proposition and answer questions from the public.

good paying jobs, Etcher said.

For specific classes and training goals, Kavalier said SCC's existing technical programs have advisory committees made up of people from local industries.

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