



Wayne County Community College District's Millage Continuance 2018 - FAQs

On Tuesday, November 6, Wayne County residents within the WCCCD district will vote on a millage continuance proposal for WCCCD.

Q: What is WCCCD proposing?

A: Wayne County Community College District is seeking to combine and continue two millages that are currently set to expire in 2020 and 2022. This is not an increase. Voters who own property would experience no difference in the rate taxed.

Q: Why is WCCCD proposing a millage continuance?

A: According to Michigan law, all community colleges in the state are funded by local property taxes, state appropriations, and student tuition and fees. About 49 percent of Wayne County Community College District's annual budget is comprised of funds from its millages. In order to continue to provide programming and services to the nearly 70,000 credit and non-credit students, and 36 cities and townships the District serves, WCCCD is seeking to combine and continue its two millages on November 6th.

Q: How does WCCCD impact the communities it serves?

A: Independent analysis of WCCCD's economic impact on Wayne County communities has found that the College District has an overall impact on the local business economy of about \$370 million every year – or about 0.5 percent of the region's gross regional product.

The analysis further found that for every \$1 spent on WCCCD:

- \$5.70 is gained in lifetime income for WCCCD students.
- \$22.80 is gained in added income and social savings to society.
- \$2.20 is gained in added taxes and public sector savings for taxpayers.

Source: Economic Modeling Specialists International 2015 Economic Impact Analysis of WCCCD

Q: What has WCCCD achieved for the community in recent years?

A: WCCCD has made major investments across Wayne County in technologies, new and upgraded educational and community facilities, and services to support its nearly 70,000 students and the 36 cities and townships it serves. Every project has been completed on time and under budget.

WCCCD has also made substantial investments in time and resources to establish and expand services and programs that support lifelong learning for everybody in the community – whether just starting pre-school, finishing high school, transitioning to a new career, or feeding curiosity later in life.

Expanded services, such as student transportation, additional one-on-one advising, financial aid support, program design, 24-hour learning support, job placement support; creating class schedules that work for working families; new programs from the state's best universities that allow students to get advanced degrees locally; and a broad array of programs for seniors available at no cost – support everyone's educational goals.

Q: How does WCCCD work with area businesses?

A: WCCCD is a regional leader in workforce training and development. The District provides more than 120 career and academic programs, and works with area businesses, city, county and state government leadership, and other agencies and groups to ensure that southeast Michigan has the skilled workforce it needs to fill high demand positions and boost area economies.