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Attached is a list of detailed institutional activities and services required by the appropriation in section 201 (2)(cc) demonstrating Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) meets best practice in each of the three major categories below.

Category A: Economic development and business or industry partnerships

Category B: Educational Partnerships

Category C: Community Services

Category	Category Description	Description of WCCCD Activities and Services
Economic Development and Business or Industry Partnerships	(i) The community college has active partnerships with local employers including hospitals and health care providers.	Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) maintains a robust network of industry partnerships designed to enrich workforce development and provide students with vital clinical, field, and practicum experiences. These collaborations bridge classroom instruction with real-world application across a diverse range of regional healthcare facilities, including: • Hospitals & Pharmacies: 29 hospitals, 17 in-hospital pharmacies, and 3 retail pharmacies. • Long-Term Care & Public Health: 57 nursing homes, 7 school health facilities, and the regional health department. • Dental & Physical Therapy Practices: 47 area dental offices and clinics, alongside 32 contracts encompassing more than 93 physical therapy practices and clinics. Professional Development and Continuing Education Beyond clinical placements, WCCCD serves as a hub for professional advancement and industry collaboration: • Dental Sciences: In partnership with the Michigan Oral Health Coalition and GoldenDent, the dental programs deliver continuing education units (CEUs) for practicing professionals. • Nursing and Faculty Advancement: The Health Science Department collaborates with Wayne State University, Baker College, and Henry Ford Hospital to provide critical professional development. Recent training initiatives for nursing faculty and regional hospital staff have focused on high-priority healthcare issues, including opioid addiction, implicit bias, human trafficking, hospice care, and Narcan administration. Furthermore, a partnership with LeadingAge Michigan supports ongoing continuing

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	education for nursing professionals. Community Impact and Clinical Service WCCCD translates academic instruction into substantial community benefit through targeted outreach initiatives: • The Northwest Campus Dental Hygiene Clinic: This on-site facility hosts routine "Extraction Days," uniting regional dentists, faculty, and students to deliver free or reduced-cost oral care. Over the past four years, this initiative has provided approximately \$4 million in pro bono dental services, simultaneously advancing student training and public wellness. • Strategic Community Partners: The dental department maintains vital operational relationships with organizations such as Goldendental Deliver Dental Solutions, St. Vincent de Paul, The University of Michigan, Wendy Shein D.D.S., MALTA, and Delta Dental. • Youth and School Engagement: WCCCD partners with William D. Ford High School, Wayne-Westland Community Schools, St. Vincent de Paul, and Rutherford-Winans Academy. These affiliations offer foundational community service opportunities that strengthen students' interpersonal skills and civic engagement. The Health Science Center (HSC) and Simulation Technology The WCCCD Health Science Center (HSC) serves as the centralized infrastructure supporting the District's allied health programs, continuing education events, and community wellness initiatives. A cornerstone of the HSC is its annual Health Fair, an interactive event that educates community members and corporate employees on medical testing, physical wellness, nutrition, and lifestyle improvements. To ensure industry readiness, each academic program features a specialized, state-of-the-art laboratory that replicates current clinical environments. These facilities utilize advanced technological learning resources, including computer-controlled adult, infant, and obstetric simulation manikins. By mimicking a comprehensive array of physiological states, this high-fidelity equipment provides students with a realistic, risk-free environment to master complex clinical competencies. These advanced educational efforts are continuously informed and supported by regional industry leaders.
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		Furthermore, the WCCCD Nursing Program maintains a long-standing partnership with the University of Michigan-Flint School of Nursing. Through this collaboration, 23 WCCCD graduates have received full scholarships to earn their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). We are proud to share that 100% of these scholars successfully graduated and are currently employed in the nursing profession.
Economic Development and Business or Industry Partnerships	(ii) The community college provides customized on-site training for area companies, employees, or both.	WCCCD provides customized training utilizing a number of instructional delivery models including face-to-face, online, or hybrid. Training is offered on the colleges' campus or on-site for area companies and incumbent workers. Collaborating with industry, government and employers WCCCD offers contextualized learning and is taught by industry professions in high-wage, demand career areas such areas as Healthcare, Retail Management, CDL-Class A, and Diesel Mechanics. WCCCD has delivered such training as: • Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) – customized foundational skills training to the participants of the Wayne County Residential Alternative to Prison (WRAP) program. WCCCD offers innovative approaches to foundational skills training that are designed to develop entry-level skills that are common across most workforce industries, upon which most occupational skills are built. WCCCD provides a wide- range programing, including basic skills, digital literacy, and contextualized reading, writing and math. Upon completion of the WRAP program, participants are encouraged to matriculate to WCCCD. • Retail Management Certificate Training – incumbent workers' training with PSCU have successfully enrolled and completed several Business courses as they journey through the process of earning WCCCD's newly offered Retail Management Certificate along with 24 college credits. These full-time workers, many of whom are 1st time college students, have begun on their path to management. ▪ Job Corp C.N.A Certified Nursing Assistant Training Program– Youth were provided training in CNA that included learning how to perform basic nursing responsibilities, taking and recording vital signs, turning and

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Economic Development and Business or Industry Partnerships		positioning patients, how to control infections and how to care for patients with dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Students who successfully completed the program were eligible to take the certification for the State Exams; this credential will allow for gainful employment as a Certified Nursing Assistant. ▪ Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) – Diesel Mechanic General Automotive (Bus Mechanics) training focused on diagnosing and servicing buses, brakes, electrical service, engine overhaul, and fuel systems. A total of three (3) cohorts and over 30 completers – students earned more than 70 industry recognized credentials. ▪ GLWA (Great Lakes Water Authority) - Confined Space Training was provided to over 80 of their employees. This training allowed GLWA employees to be certified while working in a confined space which allows them to professionally and safely do their jobs. WCCCD and GLWA continues to explore more partnership opportunities and will work together to make sure training needs are met. ▪ Detroit Urban League- Detroit Urban League Senior Training – Office Specialist Certificate Program. The District provided an opportunity for mature learners to participants in obtaining a certificate for Office Specialist. This certificate emphasizes information technology and provides the skills needed for re-entry and enhancement in the office administrative job markets. WCCCD's Regional Training Center (RTC) works to align and coordinate employment and training activities to address the region's talent deficit. The RTC works with employers across the region to offer industry-based, and targeted solutions for talent development, training and to up-skill the employers and resident talent pools. WCCCD has provided customized and incumbent worker training for national and international companies Amazon and FCA. • FAYGO COMPANY DETROIT FCA (CHRYSLER MACK JEEP PLANT) • CITIZENS EDUCATION TRUST 501C3 DETROIT
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Economic Development and Business or Industry Partnerships		• DETROIT TALENT HUB L3C • DR MARTIN INC SOUTHFIELD/DETROIT • ARMCO INC/MAG SOLUTIONS • COMFORT & CARE TRANSPORTATION SOUTHFIELD • ACA LLC SOUTHFIELD/DETROIT AREA CHARTER SCHOOLS • ALKEBULAN VILLAGE 501C3 DETROIT • TRANZ 1 SOLUTIONS LLC SOUTHFIELD • DMS – DETROIT MANUFACTURING SOLUTIONS DETROIT
Economic Development and Business or Industry Partnerships	(iii) The community college supports entrepreneurship through a small business assistance center or other training or consulting activities targeted toward small businesses.	WCCCD supports local business growth through programs and services offered at its Entrepreneurship Resource Center located at its downtown campus. Programs include the Everyday Entrepreneurship Venture Fund and Contractor Capacity Building. Both programs are designed to provide the support and expert technical assistance needed to training and technical support needed for Entrepreneurs new business start-up or to build capacity as Construction Contractors. • <u>DOWNTOWN CAMPUS ENTREPRENEURSHIP RESOURCE CENTER (ERC) & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS</u> ○ ERC ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING ○ ERC CONTRACTOR CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING ○ ERC SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP SERIES ○ ERC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA)/MENTORING ○ ERC EEVF PROGRAMS (EVERYDAY ENTREPRENEURSHIP VENTURE FUND \$250,000 New Student Business Start-up Program) • WCCCD <u>INCUBATOR PROGRAMS</u> ○ DOWNTOWN CAMPUS <u>ERC</u> ○ EASTERN CAMPUS <u>REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER</u> • NORTHWEST CAMPUS <u>TECH PLUS</u> TRAINING CENTER

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Economic Development and Business or Industry Partnerships	(iv) The community college supports technological advancement through industry partnerships, incubation activities, or operation of a Michigan technical education center or other advanced technology center.	<u>The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center – Center for Learning Technology (MESUC – CLT)</u> serves as a resource that supports the development and use of the latest in digital technology focusing on learning modalities in virtual classrooms, teleconferencing, video production services, virtual and distance learning classrooms, and a digital repository of learning resources. The MESUC – CLT additionally provides continuing education courses and community activities, access to webinars, space for professional development and community meetings in a technologically enhanced environment. WCCCD has partnered with companies like GM, FCA and Ford to offer advanced technological training and course offerings in connected mobility/automation, artificial intelligence, cyber-security and Mechatronics. <u>REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES</u> • SEIU / DTH / Armco / MAG Solutions • Tech Plus / Healthcare Advanced Tech Hub (Northwest Campus) • Cool Tech Kids – Partnership with Citizenship Education Fund, Rainbow PUSH Coalition, GM & Toyota • Advanced Manufacturing Center & Robotics Labs (Eastern Campus RTC) – In partnership with Stellantis, Fanuc, Comau & Rockwell Automotive • Wayne County Sheriff’s Office Neighborhood Improvement & Public Safety Initiative (Downtown Campus ERC) • Right Skills Now • Detroit Opportunity Youth Collaborative (DRAP Trainings) • Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA) • DTE Energy • Construction Trades Training Program – IBEW, Sheet Metal Workers, Iron Workers, Carpenters Union, Bricklayers Union, NEIEP Elevator Union, CA Hull • Civil Testing and Technology Bootcamp
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	The WCCCD's Mechatronics Center bridges the digital divide with automotive partnerships to prepare students and residents for high-demand jobs and careers in Robotics, Computer technician, advanced auto works and more. The Computer and Advanced Technology (CAT) Center expands the Ted Scott Campus' reach in serving the surrounding community and industries with training and instructional offerings to support regional economic development in the fields of Computer Information Systems (CIS), Advanced Manufacturing, and Logistics. The Cyber Security Suite is located at the Downtown campus where students conduct their training to prepare for real world settings utilizing virtual environments, including Cybersecurity simulations and game-based learning. The Suite provides the infrastructure for the cybersecurity program to understand information security policies and countermeasures; network protocols and services; Linux operating system; security features in Windows; network attacks; protecting the network; endpoint security and analysis; cryptography and the public key infrastructure; security monitoring; intrusion data analysis; incident response and handling; and introduction to programming using Python. There were nearly 100 graduates in the last two years alone who completed a cybersecurity degree or certificate. WCCCD completed it's federally funded grant initiative as part of the Connecting Minority Communities grant (CMC) to break down digital barriers. The grant provided technology to include laptops, high-speed connectivity, and upgraded campus hardware and software to support technological courses and emerging technology such as AI. The grant advanced real-world training in cybersecurity careers and certifications have been completed. The grant's significance extends beyond the equipment purchased or programs delivered. It enabled WCCCD to establish an integrated model in which broadband access, devices, hands-on learning, student support, and career preparation work together. That model and the institutional capacity created through the grant remain available to support students after federal funding has ended. WCCCD accomplished
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		its goals to: • Expanded equitable access. Students received the devices and connectivity needed to participate in online coursework, certification preparation, digital services, and employment activities. • Connected training to career readiness. Digital literacy, IT and cybersecurity learning, skilled trades training, certification support, advising, and job-seeker services were delivered as connected elements rather than stand-alone activities. • Built durable institutional capacity. Broadband upgrades, Campus Success Centers, Cyber Lab and Cloud Range resources, reusable learning materials, and strengthened support practices remain available for continued use.
Economic Development and Business or Industry Partnerships	(v) The community college has active partnerships with local or regional workforce and economic development agencies	Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) supports local business growth through programs and services offered at its Entrepreneurship Resource Center (ERC), located at the Downtown Campus. Signature programs include the Everyday Entrepreneurship Venture Fund (EEVF) and Contractor Capacity Building, both designed to provide entrepreneurs with the expert guidance, training, and technical assistance needed to successfully launch new businesses or expand capacity in construction contracting. WCCCD partners with leading organizations to expand advanced training opportunities in connected mobility, automation, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and mechatronics. Key partners include: • Rainbow PUSH Coalition • Citizenship Education Fund • GM, Stellantis, Ford, Toyota, Comau • Rockwell Automotive • Fanuc WCCCD maintains current information made available on the MI Talent Connect agency to ensure students have access to its workforce and training programs that lead to tuition assistance and employment opportunities in each industry. <u>Regional Workforce Initiatives</u>

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		• Wayne County Talent Pipeline Initiative • Workforce Intelligence Network • DOL Sector-Based Training Initiative <u>Specialized Training Programs</u> • CDL-A Training – Partnerships with Detroit Water & Sewerage Department, Warner Trucking, Faygo Beverages, Ryder, Wayne County Airport Authority, and DDOT (Detroit Department of Transportation) • Electric Vehicle & Internal Combustion Engine Technician Training – Partnerships with Rainbow PUSH Coalition, GM & Toyota
Educational Partnerships	(i) The community college has active partnerships with regional high schools, intermediate school districts, and career-tech centers to provide instruction through dual enrollment, direct credit, middle college, or academy programs.	WCCCD has had targeted partnership development emphasizing student success of traditional high school graduates. WCCCD has provided college readiness and orientation to nearly 40 k-12 partnering schools throughout the 32 neighboring cities and townships we serve. Students are introduced to weekly curriculum to expose them to critical thinking, time management, budgeting concepts and a variety of soft-skill modules aimed at increasing competencies. WCCCD has partnered with Detroit Public Schools Community District to offer career pathway programs to all high schools within their District. Students starting from the 9th grade through 12th will have access to multiple career paths that have been identified as key careers for this region. Through this partnership every high school within DPSCD has been assigned specific career pathways from the following meta majors or career clusters: • Business and entrepreneurship • Healthcare • Technology & media arts • Law, education & public safety • Engineering manufacturing & transportation • Constructions • Service and Industries

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Educational Partnerships		WCCCD has active high school partnerships throughout Wayne County spanning from regional high schools, career centers, charter schools and intermediate school districts. Over 5 school Districts have newly adopted the Early or Middle college concept for their high schools and are currently offering dual enrollment through those programs. More recently, the District continues its partnership with Benjamin Carson High School of Science and Medicine as well as Cornerstone Health and Technology High School to enroll students in the Certified Nurse's Assistant program (CNA). Other school districts opted for the other health care and science programs to prepare for future careers and advance training and education following high school graduation.
Educational Partnerships	(ii) The community college hosts, sponsors, participate in enrichment programs for area k-12 students, such as college days, summer or after-school programming, or science Olympiad.	Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) maintains an extensive network of active educational partnerships with public school districts, charter and academy schools, career and technical education centers, and Early/Middle College programs throughout Detroit, Wayne County, and surrounding communities. Through these partnerships, WCCCD provides dual enrollment, direct college credit, Early/Middle College, career and technical education, and other college pathway opportunities to more than 3,500 high school students annually. WCCCD's partnership model extends beyond traditional dual enrollment by providing multiple opportunities for high school students to begin their postsecondary education while completing high school. College instruction is delivered at partner high schools, on WCCCD campuses, virtually, and through specialized career and technical education partnerships. These models allow students to earn transferable college credit while beginning structured pathways toward college certificates, industry-aligned credentials, and associate degrees. Detroit Public Schools Community District Partnership A cornerstone of this work is WCCCD's extensive partnership with Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD). WCCCD currently provides college programming across numerous DPSCD high schools, including Cass Technical,

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	Central, Communication Media Arts, Davis Aerospace, Denby, Detroit School of Arts, East English Village, Frederick Douglass Academy for Young Men, Henry Ford, Martin Luther King Jr., Mumford, Northwestern, Osborn, Pershing, Renaissance, Southeastern, and Western International, among others. The DPSCD partnership provides students with access to a broad range of academic and career pathways, including: ▪ Business and Entrepreneurship ▪ Healthcare and Health Sciences ▪ Technology and Media Arts ▪ Law, Education and Public Safety ▪ Engineering, Manufacturing and Transportation ▪ Construction and Skilled Trades ▪ Service Industries WCCCD also provides virtual dual enrollment opportunities for DPSCD students, expanding access to college coursework when individual school schedules or other logistical considerations may limit participation. Current virtual offerings represented within the partnership include: ▪ English ▪ Political Science ▪ Business Law ▪ Mathematics ▪ African American Studies ▪ History DPSCD High School Redesign Pilot For the 2026–27 academic year, WCCCD and DPSCD have further expanded their collaboration through the High School Redesign Pilot. Students from Southeastern and Osborn High Schools participate in college programming at WCCCD's Curtis L.
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	Ivery Eastern Campus, providing students with direct exposure to a college environment while progressing through intentional academic and career pathways. The initiative expands upon the traditional dual enrollment model by integrating the college experience into the students' high school educational pathway and providing greater exposure to college faculty, facilities, academic expectations, student services, and career-focused programming. Wayne County and Regional Partnerships WCCCD's educational partnerships extend well beyond DPSCD and include a significant network of public school districts, charter schools, academies, and other secondary education partners throughout Wayne County and surrounding communities. Current regional partners include American International Academy, Cornerstone Health & Technology, Frontier, Hamtramck High School, Harper Woods, River Rouge, Voyageur Preparatory Academy, Canton Prep, Chandler Park Academy, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, Redford Union, Riverview Community High School, Romulus Senior High School, Southgate Anderson, Taylor, Trenton, Westfield Preparatory, Woodhaven, and others. These partnerships provide students with access to college coursework through multiple delivery models based on the needs of the individual school and student population. Career and Technical Education Partnerships WCCCD's partnerships with regional career and technical education programs further expand opportunities for high school students to begin specialized workforce preparation while earning college credit.
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	Current programming includes areas such as: ▪ Advanced Manufacturing ▪ Robotics ▪ Electrical Technology ▪ Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) ▪ Fire Protection Technology ▪ Public Safety ▪ Other Technical and Workforce-Focused Disciplines For example, current DCTC offerings include manufacturing, technical, robotics, and electrical coursework, while additional partnerships provide EMT and Fire Protection Technology instruction. These opportunities strengthen the connection between secondary education, postsecondary education, and regional workforce needs by allowing students to begin career-focused college coursework before high school graduation. Early and Middle College Pathways The District also continues to support Early and Middle College models that allow participating students to move beyond individual dual enrollment courses and progress through intentional sequences of college coursework. Depending on the program and partnership, these pathways provide opportunities for students to make substantial progress toward: General Education Requirements: ▪ College Certificates ▪ Career and Technical Credentials ▪ Industry-Aligned Pathways ▪ Associate Degrees
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	This approach allows students to view dual enrollment not simply as an opportunity to earn individual college credits, but as the beginning of a structured postsecondary pathway. College Transition and Student Support Supporting WCCCD's academic partnerships is a comprehensive college-transition infrastructure designed to help high school students successfully navigate college expectations and requirements. Participating students have access to services that include: ▪ College Readiness and Orientation ▪ Academic Advising ▪ Registration Assistance ▪ Assessment and Placement Support ▪ Technology Assistance ▪ College and Career Pathway Guidance ▪ Ongoing Coordination with Partner Schools These services support students throughout the transition from secondary to postsecondary education and help ensure that students are not only provided access to college coursework but are also connected to the resources necessary for continued success. High School-to-College-and-Career Pipeline Through these partnerships, WCCCD has developed a comprehensive high school-to-college-and-career pipeline serving more than 3,500 high school students annually. The District's educational partnership strategy connects secondary education, higher education, and regional workforce needs while increasing access to affordable college coursework and accelerating students' progress toward postsecondary credentials and degrees.
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		WCCCD continues to strengthen existing partnerships and develop innovative models that provide students throughout Detroit, Wayne County, and surrounding communities with multiple pathways from: High School → College Credit → Credential → Career → Degree Completion This version is stronger for the Local Strategic Value Certification because it is easier to scan, clearly separates the major components of WCCCD's work, and shows that the District's 3,500+ students are part of a much broader educational pipeline—not simply a collection of individual dual enrollment courses.
Educational Partnerships	(iii) The community college provides support or participates in programming to promote successful transitions to college for traditional age students, including grant programs such as talent search, upward bound, or other activities to promote college readiness in area high schools and community centers	WCCCD participated with the Promise program with a goal that all graduates of any Detroit high school that participate in the Promise Path will increase their potential to attend college with use of last dollar funds to accommodate any tuition costs that exceed their financial aid award at no cost to the student as well as the opportunity for additional encouragement and coaching in conjunction to WCCCD student support services and advising. WCCCD continues to enroll new students as part of the Detroit Promise and support their needs that exceed the Promise Path services. WCCCD Western-Wayne Campuses to include Downriver and Ted Scott work collaboratively with the school district to maintain its partnerships with 25 local area high schools to offer enhanced dual enrollment options and the early middle college program. These partnerships result in early college experiences that promote successful transitions to college and universities.
Educational Partnerships	(iv) The community college provide support or participates in programming to promote successful transitions to college for new or reentering adult students, such as adult basic education, GED preparation, GED testing, or	WCCCD offers one of the largest community college-based Adult Education Program in the state of Michigan offering both: Adult Basic Education (ABE) and General Education Diploma (GED) programs. The District Support Services provides activities and transition services for adult education students. Additionally, the adult education graduates are recognized during a formal graduation ceremony where they can be guided through the admission and registration process to become new WCCCD college students. Each year, the District hosts a graduation ceremony for

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	recruiting, advising, or orientation activities specific to adults	Adult Education students who completed their GED to celebrate and encourage continued enrollment in college courses. WCCCD participates in the Reconnect state-wide initiative to provide tuition-incentives to encourage adult learners to return to college and complete degrees and certificates. WCCCD Reconnect efforts supported tuition relief for eligible students. The initiatives require WCCCD to provide specific services, no-cost developmental education, and support for adult learners to promote retention, persistence, and completion, while closing the equity gap for adult learners. As part of its Reconnect efforts, WCCCD provides a taskforce to address specific non-traditional needs for adult learners. Through this commitment, WCCCD's Adult Education Program also partners with the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center and Wayne/RESA Juvenile and Adult Justice programs to provide GED education and support to learners who may face barriers to traditional educational settings.
Educational Partnerships	(v) The community college has active partnerships with regional 4-year colleges and universities to promote successful transfer, such as articulation, 2+2, or reverse transfer agreements or operation of a university center.	The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center maintains active partnerships with Western Michigan University, University of Michigan-Flint, Ferris State University, Madonna University, Michigan State University, Davenport University, Northwood University, and Walsh College offering 2+2 course delivery at this location. Recently, we have established partnerships Wayne State University and Grand Valley State University to offer courses at the University Center in the Areas of General Engineering and Elementary Education. In addition to the Michigan Transfer Agreement, WCCCD is participating in the MiTransfer Pathways project, hosted by the Michigan Center for Student Success, which focuses on multi-institutional transferability to expand community college student access to baccalaureate degrees and promote degree completion. The District is currently evaluating and identifying equivalent courses in Art, Computer Technology, Biology, Business, Education, Information Technology, Communication, Mechanical Engineering, and Social Work.

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	Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) proudly maintains more than 65 transfer agreements with four-year colleges and universities, providing students with clear and accessible pathways to continue their education beyond the associate degree. Recently, WCCCD has renewed and expanded articulation agreements with a wide range of institutions, including Central Michigan University, Cleary University, Concordia University–Ann Arbor, Davenport University, Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Indiana Wesleyan University, Lawrence Technological University, Madonna University, Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University, Northern Michigan University, Northwood University, Oakland University, the University of Detroit Mercy, the University of Michigan–Dearborn, the University of Michigan–Flint, The University of Olivet, the University of Phoenix, Wayne State University, and Western Michigan University. These agreements cover a broad spectrum of academic and career fields, such as Automotive Service Technology, Business Administration, Civil Testing, Computer Information Systems, Criminal Justice, Cybersecurity, Elementary Education, Engineering, Fashion Design, Fashion Merchandising, Human Services, Mechatronic Technology, Nursing, Social Work, and Welding Technology. In addition, WCCCD continues to support student achievement through reverse transfer agreements, which allow former WCCCD students who transferred to a university before completing their associate degree to apply earned university credits back toward degree completion at WCCCD. These partnerships are in place with Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Davenport University, Grand Valley State University, Wayne State University, Madonna University, Davenport University, The University of Olivet, and Western Michigan University. WCCCD has partners with the following colleges and organizations: The partnership between Michigan Technological University (MTU) and the University of Michigan–Ann Arbor provides WCCCD students with opportunities to conduct STEM research projects, network with university representatives, and
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		engage with faculty at national conferences. Through this partnership, students also participate in a seven-week summer science internship at MTU. The initiative is designed to make the transition to a four-year university more achievable while fostering student interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). •MTU MICUP Summer Science Research program is a collaborative effort between three (3) Michigan community colleges including WCCCD and Michigan Tech. A seven-week summer research internship program provides WCCCD students the opportunity to Live on campus, take a one (1) credit university summer course and work with a faculty or staff mentor on a research project, and present their research at a research symposium hosted at the District. •Wayne County Sheriff Department – (Corrections and Law Enforcement) this non-paid internship supports student completing hours for students pursuing a degree in the WCCCD Criminal Justice Studies aligned with 4-year University Agreements •The WCCCD Culinary Arts & Hospitality Center uniquely positions WCCCD for its partnership with Schoolcraft College since 2024 to provide training and seamless entry to their career pathway in culinary arts and hospitality. Students can complete goals to advance completion of a Bachelor of Science in Culinary and Dietary Operations.
Community Services	(iii) The community college operates public facilities to promote cultural, educational, or personal enrichment for community members, such as libraries, computer labs, performing arts centers, museums, art galleries, or	The Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery housed on four campuses serves as both an instructional resource for students and a valued cultural asset to the District's 32 local communities. The Gallery is committed to fostering an appreciation of the arts by presenting diverse exhibitions, educational programs, and engaging cultural experiences that inspire learning and creativity. Through Thursdays at the Museum, WCCCD's partnership with the Detroit Institute of Arts offers engaging cultural experiences to WCCCD students and adults age 55 and older. WCCCD students participate in museum programs at no cost, while adults 55 and older also receive complimentary transportation. Each month, participants can

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	television or radio stations	experience something new through collection tours, art talks, hands-on art-making activities, films, music, and other cultural programs. The partnership also extends to K–12 students, providing opportunities for young learners to engage with art and culture through educational programming and art exhibits. The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center located at the Downriver Campus attracts local and national talent to broaden the community’s knowledge about art and culture with engaging events. EPAC is used for professional enrichment for staff, faculty and continuing education events such as the Annual Adult Education Graduation, Movie Night, Annual Halloween Family Fun Day, and the Performer’s Expo. The newly renovated Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center also referred to as “The View” is a ballroom conference center space at the Northwest Campus. Chef Lorenzo Spatling to curates fine dining experiences to align health food choices, preparation, and etiquette into educational workshops offered to community at large to include youth. The Culinary Arts Hospitality Center continues to engage the community with curated meals hosted by students. More recently, the Center has hosted several college and external events to include wedding receptions, Advisory Committee Breakfasts, dual enrollment program events, and Wonderful Wednesdays. Wonderful Wednesdays engages the business community to provide event space for trainings and large group meetings or conferences. The District’s Learning Resource Centers (LRC) are located at each campus and supports community education seminars that promote literacy as well as workshops that to support learning in the classroom. WCCCD continues investments in its LRC to include an increase in digital collections and technology to enhance virtual capacity while partnering with local public libraries. WCCCD donated homework computers and early literacy stations for young learners that are located at the Taylor Community Library. The Center for Learning Technology (CLT) serves as a Distance Learning hub, providing support for students and faculty while offering opportunities for faculty,
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		staff, and community members to increase learning through the use of innovative technology and distance learning. The CLT supports distance learning delivery, professional development, instructional design, and student and faculty support services. The CLT provides structured training for faculty preparing to teach online, as well as for those looking to use the Blackboard Learning Management System (LMS) as a supplemental tool in their in-person courses. Training covers course design best practices, engagement strategies, and effective use of the Blackboard LMS. For more personalized assistance, faculty can also drop in during regular business hours to receive one-on-one support with course design, restructure existing courses, or integrating publisher resources and digital materials into their online or hybrid classes.
Community Services	(iv) The community college operates public facilities to promote leisure or wellness activities community members, including gymnasiums, athletic fields, tennis courts, fitness centers, hiking or biking trails, or natural areas.	The WCCCD Health and Wellness Education Center (HWEC) located adjacent to the Downtown campus within the Curtis L. Ivery Central Educational Complex responds to the health and fitness educational needs of the Detroit and Wayne County citizens, WCCCD staff, faculty, and students. The HWEC closes the gap in health and fitness by revitalizing wellness resources for its constituents. The HWEC hosts both male and female team sporting events and serves as a multi-purpose fitness center. The college hosts fitness courses and wellness activities to include yoga and Zumba, etc. The center features the latest equipment, indoor walking/running track, personal trainers, and a wide variety of fitness classes to help members achieve all of their fitness goals in a holistic way. The HWEC also features an on site Café’ managed the Chef of the WCCCD Culinary Arts Program. This Café features fresh healthful choices students, staff HWEC members and the general public to further enhance and support the health and wellness environment at the HWEC.

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		The HWEC maintains partnerships with community organizations and schools to expand services and promote membership and use of the facilities Detroit Riverfront Conservancy Great Lakes Water Authority Corktown Neighborhood Association HealThy Self Detroit Public Schools Jalen Rose Leadership Academy AKA Alkebu-Lan Village AARP Additionally, the HWEC continues to renovate the spaces and equipment to ensure sufficient usage, safety, and a variety of wellness options. The steam rooms became operational during the past year. Both a men's and women's steam room that seat up to 12 members. The steam rooms provides a very therapeutic experience for both men and women members. They help to heal stressed muscles and joints as well as provide a soothing relaxing experience. Steam has shown to help to improve health in many other ways as well.
Community Services	(v) The community college promotes, sponsors, or hosts community service activities for students, staff or community members	WCCCD continues to promote, sponsor, and host a number of community outreach programs/activities focused in the following areas: health and fitness, arts and culture, leisure, literacy, professional development and other educational activities. Working in collaboration with community partners, the District serves students, staff, community members, and the business/industry. • Scholars Motivated to Advocate and Realized Their Talents (SMART) Food Drive: WCCCD's SMART Program staff implemented a food drive that provided Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets and toiletries to students enrolled in the SMART Program. Donations were generously provided by the Mayor of Highland Park in partnership with Gleaners and the Highland Park Business Community, the Metro Detroit AFL-CIO, and WCCCD staff members.

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Community Services		• S.O.S-Secretary of State Mobile Unit-Wayne County Community College District teamed up with the Michigan Secretary of State's Mobile Office to provided services to over 20 students and staff. Some of the aforementioned were able to get their voter registration cards, get a new driver's license, renew their vehicle tags and even get their questions answered without having to wait in a long line. • Back –To-School Rally- This Annual program provides over 1200 Back Packs and educational resources to community members. The program also includes an educational workshop on Social Media, Bullying, Build Positive Self- Esteem and Dental Hygiene. • Bundle Up for Kindness: Kids Coat Drive- This District wide community initiative is dedicated to helping local children stay warm throughout the cold-weather season. New or gently used coats, jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, and other winter essentials are donated for children and families in need. • Think Pink Health and Job Fair: This Breast Cancer awareness community program was designed to connect individuals with valuable health and wellness resources, employment opportunities, career support, and community services. • Silver Circle Program Partners- The Silver Circle Program continues to expand its reach throughout Metro Detroit by bringing engaging educational, recreational, and enrichment opportunities directly into the communities where older adults live, gather, and connect. Off-site programming is offered at The Helm–Boll Life Center in Grosse Pointe, James Wadsworth Community Center, Restoration Tower, Woodbridge, Riverbend Towers, Detroit Public Library locations, Warren West, and numerous other metropolitan organizations. These partnerships provide participants with opportunities to stay active, learn new skills, build meaningful relationships, and participate in activities that promote lifelong learning, wellness, creativity, and social engagement.
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Community Services		• Thursday at the Museum- WCCCD's partnership with the Detroit Institute of Arts offers WCCCD student programs at no cost and complimentary transportation for adults 55 and over. Participants can experience something new every month, including tours of the collection, art talks, art-making, films, and music. • ARTarama Student Exhibition- Annual k-12- DPSCD- The ARTarama Student Exhibition is an annual K–12 student art showcase celebrating the creativity, talent, and artistic expression of students throughout Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD). Each year, the exhibition provides young artists with an opportunity to have their artwork displayed in a professional setting while gaining recognition for their accomplishments. The program encourages students to explore their creativity, build confidence, and develop an appreciation for the arts. Through this annual exhibition, the School of Continuing Education proudly supports arts education and creates a platform where Detroit's young artists can create, inspire, and shine The District of Student Services partners with community organizations like Gleaners, VA hospitals, homeless centers as well as its student organizations such as Phi Theta Kappa, Athletic program and Student Executive Council (student government) to sponsor food drives, coat drives and community dinners to invite the homeless, veterans, and their families to dine at the Downtown campus for Thanksgiving to help fight hunger and homelessness in our communities.
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RESOLUTION
WCCCD Local Strategic Value Certification

WHEREAS, Wayne County Community College District is a public institution funded through local and state resources to serve constituents in southeast Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, the District provides local strategic value to its constituents under the definition contained in the community college appropriation act developed by the Michigan State Legislature in cooperation with the Michigan Community College Association; and,

WHEREAS, the 2026-2027 state appropriation for community colleges requires that each community college certify to the state budget director that it meets four out of five legislatively defined best practices measures within each of three categories; and,

WHEREAS, the District has met all five measures for Category A: Economic Development and Business or Industry Partnerships; and,

WHEREAS, the District has met all five measures for Category B: Educational Partnerships; and,

WHEREAS, the District has met all five measures in Category C: Community Services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Wayne County Community College District certifies to the state budget director that the institution has met those definitions established by the Michigan State Legislature in cooperation with the Michigan Community College Association and continues to provide local strategic value for its constituents.

Adopted by a vote of the Board on September 16, 2026

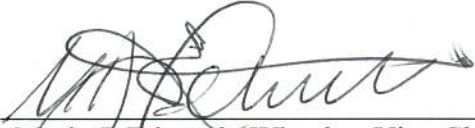

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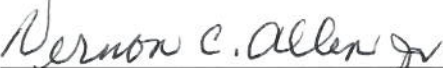

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BOARD APPROVAL OF THE WCCCD LOCAL STRATEGIC VALUE CERTIFICATION
RESOLUTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.