

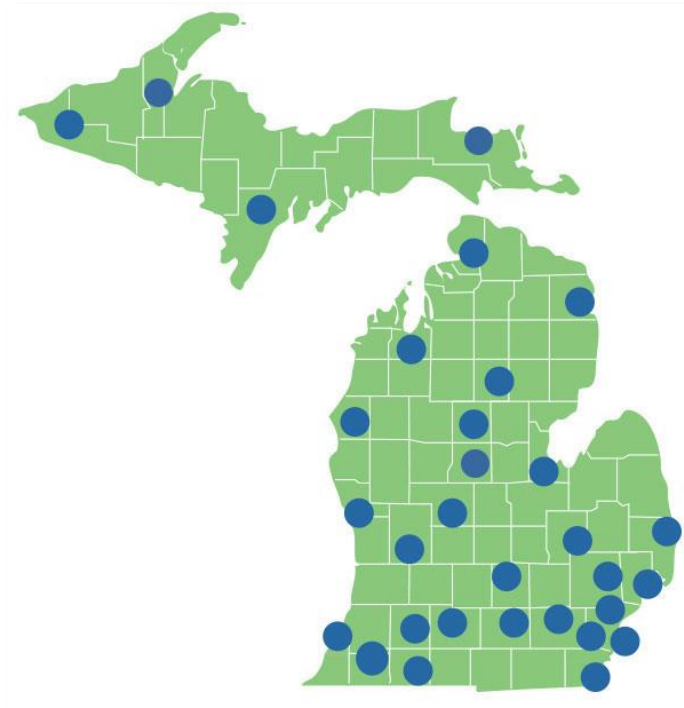


**MICHIGAN  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE  
ASSOCIATION**

**House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Higher Education and Community Colleges  
February 22, 2024**

# Mission Statement

The Michigan Community College Association is the unified voice for Michigan's community colleges, empowering members to lead in the areas of student success, talent development, and community vitality.



# Michigan Community College Association

*Michigan Community Colleges*



# Michigan Community Colleges

## *Enrollment*

- 280,453 students enrolled in 2022-2023
- Enrollment increased by 3.7% in fall 2023, compared to 2.6% nationally

## *Completions*

- Nearly 27,000 certificates and degrees awarded, an increase of about 1,400
- Student success rates continue to increase, inclusive of completions and transfers
  - Highest success rate ever after 2 years: Cohort who started in 2020-21 school year
  - 71.3% have either completed a degree/certificate, transferred to a four-year institution, or are still enrolled and making progress

## *Transfer*

- 52% of bachelor's degree recipients at public universities in Michigan earned credit at a community college
- Michigan is a **top ten** state for bachelor's completions of students that transfer from our community colleges

# Michigan Community Colleges

## *Dual Enrollment*

- About 6% of all Michigan high school students participate in DE, less than the national average (10%) and all our neighboring states (10% to 24%)
- 85% of DE and Early Middle College students are served by community and tribal colleges (over 24,600 students)
- 77% of DE students enroll in college within 12 months of high school graduation compared to 56% enrollment rate for non-DE students

## *Reconnect*

- 32,906 students were awarded Reconnect grants in 2021-22
- Over 2,500 associate degrees and certificates were awarded in 2021-22

# Michigan Community Colleges

## *Demographic Snapshot*

Of all students enrolled at Michigan community and tribal colleges...

- 73% are part-time
- 35% are 25 and older
- Over 50,000 students were awarded Pell grants

## *Population Retention*

- Most community college alumni stay within their school's county or neighboring counties; 61% stay within 50 miles of their alma mater

## *Earnings*

- Those with an associate degree earn nearly \$21,000 more per year than those with only a high school diploma, five years after graduation

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*Infrastructure, Technology, Maintenance and  
Safety (ITEMS)*



# ITEMS Funding Update

## *Critical Project Examples*

- Install electronic **door locking systems** to enhance safety
- Upgrade **security camera systems** on three campuses
- Replace **data center** generator
- Contribute to a portion of the cost to add **student housing** (3 colleges)
- Install a **water treatment** system to remove arsenic from the water
- Replace **septic, drainage, and water** lines
- Replace cooling tower and **HVAC units**
- Updates to **maintain facilities** at OCC's Combined Regional Emergency Services Training (CREST) center



# ITEMS Funding Update

## *Urgent Needs Beyond FY24 Appropriation*

- **Chiller plant** (cooling towers and electrical substation) is beyond economical repair and approaching end of useful life, \$25 million
- **College-wide infrastructure** and maintenance including parking lots, sidewalks, roofs, elevators, doors, and restrooms, \$9 million
- **Parking lot** repair, \$2 million
- **Waterline replacement** for all campus, \$2 million
- Student **housing**, \$1.75 to 8 million

# ITEMS Funding Update

**"This project is not necessarily one that leads to a ribbon-cutting event, but we will certainly be sharing the impact of this ITEMS funding on the safety of our campus."**

*Paul Watson, President, Kellogg Community College*

**"This is just a small amount of the funding needed to keep the campus in good repair."**

*David Devier, President, Glen Oaks Community College*

**"Any amount of ITEMS funding is appreciated to offset the ongoing costs related to infrastructure, technology, equipment, maintenance and safety/security."**

*Peter Provenzano, Chancellor, Oakland Community College*

**"The deferred maintenance backlog for facilities is extensive and would require an annual ITEMS distribution to properly fund effective teaching facilities to meet the demands for our students."**

*Glenn Cerny, President, Schoolcraft College*

# Michigan Community College Association

## *Legislative Priorities*



# MCCA Legislative Priorities

## *Revenue Sources*



### **Vision**

33.3% State Appropriations  
33.3% Local Property Tax  
33.3% Tuition and Fees



### **Reality**

24% State Appropriations  
39% Local Property Tax  
33% Tuition and Fees  
4% Other\*

\*Grants, contract revenue, investment income, rental income, indirect cost recovery, non-academic sales/fees

# MCCA Legislative Priorities

## *Increase operations support for community colleges*

- Increase and sustain state operations support for community colleges by investing an additional \$168 million over the next 4 years, a 10% increase per year, and afterwards maintain increases equal to the rate of inflation (FY25 \$35.7 million).

## *Update community college infrastructure*

- Dedicate \$100 million for improvements to infrastructure, technology, equipment, maintenance and campus safety, and to develop affordable, on-campus housing where it is needed.

# MCCA Legislative Priorities

## *Improve student success outcomes*

- Expand opportunities for dual enrollment, establish student-friendly transfer pathways and ensure on-demand access to key data.

## *Grow Michigan's talented workforce*

- Dedicate funding for community colleges to develop workforce training and technical programs in partnership with employers in high-demand fields and purchase **equipment for emerging industries.**

*(Executive Budget Recommendation, General Omnibus, Sec. 11-1004 Talent Solutions)*

# MCCA Legislative Priorities

## *Make community college affordable for all*

- Make the Reconnect expansion to age 21 permanent.  
*(SB 406)*
- Provide recent high school graduates the opportunity to attend community college tuition-free to earn a certificate, associate degree or transfer to a university.  
*(Executive Budget Recommendation, Education Omnibus, Sec. 248 Michigan Achievement Scholarship)*
- Ensure our most vulnerable students have financial support for basic needs and non-tuition costs of attendance, including food, housing, transportation, technology and textbooks.  
*(Executive Budget Recommendation, Education Omnibus, Sec. 247 Reconnect and Sec. 248 Michigan Achievement Scholarship)*

# Michigan Achievement Scholarship

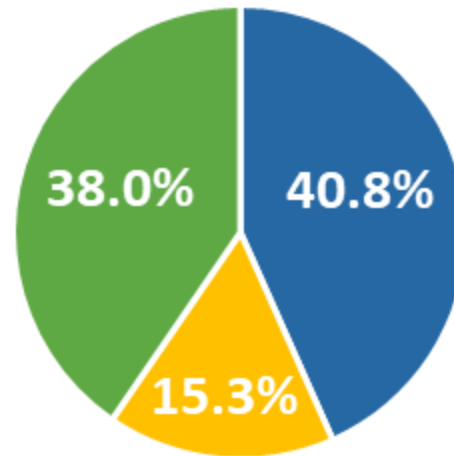
*Community College Guarantee*





# Community College Guarantee

College Enrollment Destination  
High School Graduates 2022-23



■ Did not enroll   ■ 2-Year Colleges   ■ 4-Year Colleges and Universities

Out of state enrollments not included.



# Community College Guarantee

## *Support*

- Removes college affordability barriers, especially for those unlikely to go to college
- Relatively inexpensive for life-changing opportunity to earn a certificate or degree
- Ensures Michigan maximizes federal financial aid dollars (Pell grant)
- Clear and simple messaging like Michigan Reconnect
- Creates a larger pipeline of students to transfer from a community college to a 4-year institution to pursue Bachelor's degrees
- Continues to empower students to choose the best path for their future

# Community College Guarantee

## *Improve*

- Pair the community college guarantee with a **transfer guarantee** for community college graduates to pursue bachelor's degrees at 4-year colleges and universities in Michigan, including 3+1 programs
- Increase the "first dollar" grant from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and target to the very neediest students to give these students the critical support to stay enrolled
- Convert the class of 2023 to the Community College Guarantee



\*Estimate is an average and does not include specialty program costs.

# Community College Guarantee

## *Post-Secondary Attainment Results: Tennessee Promise*

Highest Attainment Level	2014	2022	
High School Diploma	32.7%	30.2%	↓
Some college, no credential	16.4%	13.4%	↓
Certificate	5.0%	6.6%	↑
Associate Degree	7.5%	8.4%	↑
Bachelor's Degree	17.6%	21.2%	↑
Graduate or Higher Degree	9.2%	11.6%	↑
Post-secondary attainment rate	39.3%	47.9%	↑

# Data Sources

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- National Student Clearinghouse Research Center (<https://nscresearchcenter.org/>)
- US Department of Education – [Transfer Report](#)



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