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Michigan’s Community Colleges

- The Community Colleges budget provides funding for Michigan’s 28 public community colleges. Community colleges are supported through a combination of:
  - State Appropriations
  - Tuition and fees
  - Local Property Taxes

- Each community college draws students primarily from within a district organized under statute and is governed by a board of trustees elected from the district. Not all areas of the state fall within a community college district.

- Community colleges provide collegiate and non-collegiate level education primarily to individuals above the twelfth grade age level within commuting distance. Community college programs include:
  - Vocational-technical education leading to an associate’s degree
  - Education in anticipation of transfer to a four-year institution
  - Basic skills
  - Customized training or retraining for displaced workers
  - Baccalaureate degrees at certain institutions in cement technology, maritime technology, energy production technology and culinary arts
Michigan’s Community College Districts
**Key Budget Terms**

**Fiscal Year:** The state’s fiscal year (FY) runs from October to September. FY 2018-19 is October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

**Appropriation:** Authority to expend funds. An appropriation is not a mandate to spend. Constitutionally, state funds cannot be expended without an appropriation by the Legislature.

**Line Item:** Specific appropriation amount in a budget bill which establishes spending authorization for a particular program or function.

**Boilerplate:** Specific language sections in a budget bill which direct, limit, or restrict line item expenditures, express legislative intent, and/or require reports.

**Lapse:** Appropriated amounts that are unspent or unobligated at the end of a fiscal year. Appropriations are automatically terminated at the end of a fiscal year unless designated as a multi-year work project under a statutory process. Lapsed funds are available for expenditure in the subsequent fiscal year.

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, historical budget figures in this presentation have not been adjusted for inflation.
Funding Sources
## FY 2018-19 Community Colleges Budget

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<td>Total spending authority from all revenue sources</td>
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FY 2017-18 Fund Sources

All of the $408.2 million Community Colleges budget is funded by state restricted revenue, entirely consisting of School Aid Fund (SAF) revenue.
Community Colleges Share of Total State Budget

The Community Colleges budget represents less than 1% of the $57.2 billion state budget (adjusted gross) for FY 2018-19.
Community Colleges Share of Total GF/GP Budget

The Community Colleges budget receives none of the state’s $10.4 billion GF/GP budget for FY 2018-19.
Community Colleges receive 3% of the School Aid Fund (SAF) appropriations, which total $13.8 billion.
Community Colleges Funding History

Historically, community colleges have been funded entirely with state GF/GP revenues. Recent budgets have been funded mostly with School Aid Fund (SAF) revenue, and the FY 2018-19 budget consists entirely of SAF. Increases since FY 2011-12 are largely the result of funding the state’s share of retirement contributions.
Appropriation Areas
Community Colleges Appropriation Areas

**Operations Grants:** Funding for community colleges’ operational costs, distributed according to a performance formula.

**MPSERS State Share:** Funding to pay for the state’s share of colleges’ unfunded liability to the Michigan Public School Employees’ Retirement System (MPSERS). The state share is the difference between the contribution rate needed to meet the MPSERS unfunded actuarial accrued liability and the employer contribution cap of 20.96% of payroll. Amounts allocated by proportion to its percentage of total covered payroll in the immediately preceding fiscal year.

**MPSERS Offset:** Funding to offset a portion of the contributions owed to MPSERS by community colleges. Amounts allocated by the proportion to its percentage of total covered payroll in the immediately preceding fiscal year.

**MPSERS Normal Cost Offset:** Funding to reimburse community colleges for their normal cost portion to reduce the assumed rate of return for MPSERS from 8% to 7.5%.

**Renaissance Zone Reimbursements:** Replacement of property tax revenue lost in the prior fiscal year due to the creation of a Renaissance Zone property tax exemption within a community college’s district.
FY 2018-19 Gross Appropriations

About four-fifths of the $408.2 million Community Colleges budget supports operations grants to all 28 community colleges, funded with School Aid Fund revenues.
Major Budget Topics
Operations Grants: Performance Indicators Formula

- Most of the community college budget acts since FY 2006-07 have included formulas that utilized performance indicators to allocate budgetary increases or decreases from the prior year.

- The FY 2018-19 formula is based on the recommendations made from the FY 2015-16 Performance Indicators Task Force.

- The FY 2018-19 formula allocates a $2.5 million increase to community college operations grants as follows:
  - 30% based on an across-the-board adjustment.
  - 30% based on contact hour equated students, weighted for health & tech fields.
  - 10% based on performance completion improvement.
  - 10% based on performance completion number.
  - 10% based on performance completion rate.
  - 5% based on administrative costs.
  - 5% based on a local strategic value component.
Performance Indicators Formula: Local Strategic Value Component

- The local strategic value component of the performance indicators formula is appropriated for community colleges that certify by October 15 that they have met certain best practice standards pertaining to economic development/business partnerships, educational partnerships and community services.

- Local strategic value funds are distributed to qualifying community colleges in proportion to the colleges’ prior-year appropriations.

- All 28 community colleges qualified for their FY 2018-19 local strategic value payments.
Operations Grants: Personal Property Tax Related Adjustments

- The FY 2018-19 budget appropriates $735,400 to 10 community colleges outside of the Formula:
  - Alpena
  - Gogebic
  - Jackson
  - Lake Michigan
  - Lansing
  - Mid-Michigan
  - Montcalm
  - North Central
  - Northwestern
  - Southwestern

- The additional funding is an effort to ensure that all community colleges received a 2.0% increase when paired with Personal Property Tax (PPT) “Prorated Qualified Loss over 100%” reimbursements from the Department of Treasury.

- When the $735,400 PPT related adjustment is paired with the $2.5 million increase distributed through the formula, Operations Grants increased 1.0% overall for FY 2018-19.
Community Colleges Operations Grants

Funding for operations grants for FY 2018-19 equals $322.3 million, which was a $3.2 million, or 1.0% increase, over FY 2017-18.
State Aid to Community Colleges Per Fiscal Year Equated Student (FYES)

FY 2017-18 Average State Aid Revenue: $3,232 per FYES. One FYES is the equivalent of one student with one full year of instruction (30 semester credit hours).

Based on most recent data (FY 2017-18) from Michigan Community College Data Inventory Report (MCCDI)
The average community college’s state aid per FYES peaked in FY 2000-01 at $3,350. State aid per FYES for FY 2017-18 is $3,232, which is 4% below the FY 2000-01 peak.
Community Colleges’ Unfunded MPSERS Liabilities - State Share

The FY 2012-13 budget began funding the increasing gap between the cost to meet actuarial needs and the statutory cap on employer contributions for unfunded MPSERS liabilities, set at 20.96% of covered payroll as defined by 2012 PA 300. The FY 2018-19 total is $75.3 million.
FY 2018-19 MPSERS Allocations

A total of **$83.4 million** SAF is appropriated for MPSERS-related costs. **$75.3 million** SAF is allocated for the state share of MPSERS unfunded accrued liabilities, and **$8.1 million** SAF offsets a portion of the colleges’ MPSERS normal cost. Allocations are based on each college’s proportion of total MPSERS payroll.
Community College Revenues
Community College Revenues

- Community colleges rely on three main sources for the vast majority of revenue:
  - State aid
  - Tuition and fees
  - Property taxes

- Community colleges may have smaller additional sources of revenue, such as donations or grants, and are classified as “Other.”

- Reporting details were changed for state aid for the FY 2017-18 cycle. State aid is considered to be:
  - State operations grants
  - MPSERS payments
  - Renaissance Zone Reimbursements.

- Personal Property Tax Replacement Funds were added as a separate revenue category.
Community College Operating Fund Revenue – Statewide Totals

Community colleges receive the largest portion of revenue from tuition and fees. FY 2017-18 total revenue for all 28 community colleges: $1.6 billion

Based on most recent data (FY 2017-18) from Michigan Community College Data Inventory Report (MCCDI)
Community College Revenue Sources

Recent years have seen community college revenues deriving from tuition and fees make up most revenue collected. This is largely due to tuition and enrollment growing faster than state aid allocations, which have held relatively steady in recent years. FY 2017-18 revised the State Aid category and added PPT Replacement tracking.

Based on most recent data (FY 2017-18) from Michigan Community College Data Inventory Report (MCCDI)
Community college operating budgets vary considerably. Wayne County, Macomb, and Oakland Community Colleges feature the largest operating revenue fund budgets.
The degree to which community college operating budgets depend on various sources of revenue also vary.

Based on most recent data (FY 2017-18) from Michigan Community College Data Inventory Report (MCCDI)

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Tuition Rate History
Average Cost Per Credit or Contact Hour

While both in-district and out-of-district tuition rates have risen steadily in recent years, out-of-district rates have increased more sharply, growing by 118% since FY 2002-03. In-district rates have grown by 94% over the same period.
Tuition Increases Compared to Inflation

While generally following inflationary trends, both in-district and out-of-district tuition increases have been higher than inflation rates over the last decade.
Community College Expenditures
Operational Expenditures

For the purposes of reporting data to the state, Michigan community college expenditures are classified into standardized categories:

- **Instruction**: Faculty salaries and benefits, lab assistants, classroom supplies, non-capital equipment, special licenses or fees for curriculum

- **Information Technology**: computing systems, programs, hardware, telephone

- **Public Service**: Community use of college facilities for meetings, events and recreation, as well as college TV and radio stations

- **Academic Support**: Library and media services, professional development, curriculum development, Deans, program directors

- **Institutional Support**: President, trustees, financial services, human resources, legal, etc.

- **Student Services**: Counseling, registrar, student government, student publications, specialized services for specific groups, such as veterans or students with disabilities

- **Physical Plant Operations**: Facilities management and maintenance, utilities, security
Community College Operating Fund Expenditures – Statewide Totals

Over 40% of community college expenditures statewide are for instruction. 

FY 2017-18 total expenses for all 28 community colleges: $1.4 billion

- Instruction: $603,735,627 (42%)
- Student Services: $188,262,815 (13%)
- Institutional Support: $188,260,850 (13%)
- Physical Plant Operations: $172,880,142 (12%)
- Academic Support: $179,160,717 (12%)
- Information Technology: $92,173,879 (6%)
- Public Service: $21,346,191 (2%)

Based on most recent data (FY 2017-18) from Michigan Community College Data Inventory Report (MCCDI)
FY 2017-18 Community College Operating Fund Expenditures per FYES

Smaller community colleges generally have higher expenditures per Fiscal Year Equated Student (FYES).

Based on most recent data (FY 2017-18) from Michigan Community College Data Inventory Report (MCCDI)

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Community College Enrollment Data
Enrollment Definitions

For the purposes of reporting data to the state, Michigan community college enrollment figures use the following categories:

- **Unduplicated Student Headcount:** The total number of students that have enrolled in at least one community college course.

- **Fiscal Year Equated Student (FYES):** The calculated equivalent of one full year of instruction, defined as 30 semester credit hours. Degrees are granted on the basis of credit hours, with the typical associate’s degree requiring 60 credit hours.

- **Contact Hour Equated Student (CHES):** The calculated equivalent of one full year of instruction, defined as 480 hours of instruction. This measure can capture additional hours of instruction or student interaction that may not be included in a credit hour.
Community College Enrollment History

Unduplicated student headcounts are significantly higher but have experienced trends similar to FYES and CHES enrollment numbers.

Based on most recent data (FY 2017-18) from Michigan Community College Data Inventory Report (MCCDI)

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Community colleges vary greatly on the percentage of in-district versus out-of-district students served. Wayne County Community College has the highest percentage of in-district students (95%), while Gogebic Community College has the lowest (26%). The statewide in-district average is 69%.

Based on most recent data (FY 2017-18) from Michigan Community College Data Inventory Report (MCCDI)
Degree and Certificate Completions

Degree and certification completions at Michigan community colleges have generally tracked changes in enrollment.

Based on most recent data (FY 2017-18) from Michigan Community College Data Inventory Report (MCCDI)
The majority of community college students are under age 25 and most are part-time students. The exception are students 18-19, where 55% are enrolled full-time.
Fall Enrollment Trends

A common measure of enrollment trends, Fall enrollments peaked in 2010 but have been falling ever since.
Fall Enrollment – Annual Percentage Changes

While enrollment numbers peaked in 2010, the sharpest increase occurred the year before, when enrollment grew by 8.1% from 2008 to 2009. That increase is illustrative of the countercyclical nature of community college enrollment: enrollments tend to increase during times of economic stress.
Historically, trends in Michigan community college enrollments have roughly mirrored national trends. While U.S. community college enrollments are expected to remain relatively flat in the coming years, Michigan has seen continued declining enrollments from the 2009-10 peak, diverging from the national enrollment trend and projections.

U.S. enrollment and projected figures based on the National Center for Education Statistics.
For more information about the Community Colleges budget:

HFA Resources

http://www.house.mi.gov/hfa/CommunityColleges.asp

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