

## *Best Practices Resolution*

Section 230 of Public Act 144 of 2022, the education omnibus appropriations act for fiscal year 2023 includes a \$2,742,200 appropriation for West Shore Community College (WSCC). Among the components of the appropriations for all Michigan community colleges is performance funding based on “local strategic value,” which is defined in terms of three categories as shown below. Each category covers five standards of local strategic value, called “best practices.” The law requires the WSCC Board of Trustees to pass a resolution certifying that the College meets at least four out of five of the best practice standards under each of the three categories.

West Shore Community College not only meets, but also exceeds the best practice standards required by the appropriations law, as the following table demonstrates.

**West Shore Community College Adheres to Best Practices Grid**

Best Practices by Category	Examples of Adherence
<b>Category A: Economic Development and Business or Industry Partnerships (must meet 4 of 5)</b>	
<p>(i) The community college has active partnerships with local employers including hospitals and health care providers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WSCC has partnerships with Spectrum Health Ludington Hospital, Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial Hospital, Munson Healthcare Manistee Hospital, Davita Health Care, Mercy Hospital – Hackley Campus, Manistee County Medical Care Facility, Spectrum Home Care, Spectrum Health Ludington Cardiac Rehab, Mercy Visiting Nurse Service &amp; Hospice, Oakview Medical Care Facility, Oceana County Medical Care Facility, MediLodge of Ludington, and Oceana County Council on Aging, West Michigan Community Mental Health System, Central-Wellness Community Mental Health , DHD #10, Northwest Michigan Health Care Services, and St. John’s Home Care to provide clinical sites for the nursing program; DHD #10, St. John’s Home Care.</li> <li>• WSCC has formed a mechatronics program advisory council with Metalworks, Inc., West Shore ESD, Whitehall Industries, Change Parts, Inc., Cone Drive Service Center, and Packaging Corporation of America.</li> <li>• WSCC has formed a welding program advisory council with Praxair Welding Supply and Whitehall Industries.</li> <li>• WSCC has formed a criminal justice advisory council with the Ludington Police Department, Hart Police Department, Manistee Department of Public Safety, Pentwater Police Department, Shelby Police Department, Mason-Oceana 9-1-1, Lake County Sheriff’s Department; Manistee County Sheriff’s Department, Mason County Sheriff’s Department, Oceana County Sheriff’s Department, Michigan State Police #66 in Hart, Little River Band</li> </ul>

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	<p>Department of Public Safety, Mason County Family Court, Mason County Prosecutor’s Office, Michigan Commission On Law Enforcement Standards, Oaks Maximum Correctional Facility, West Shore ESD, and Michigan Department of Corrections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WSCC has formed a nursing program advisory council with Spectrum Health Ludington Hospital, Munson Healthcare Manistee Hospital, Ferris State University, Mercy Health of Muskegon, Mercy Health Partners, Oceana County Medical Care, Oceana Council on Aging, Oakview Medical Care Facility, Manistee County MCF Newaygo RESA, Newaygo County MCF Michigan Works, MediLodge of Ludington, and Munson Home Health Care, WESD, and DHD #10.</li> <li>• WSCC established multiple business division advisory councils with Spectrum Health Ludington, West Shore ESD, Habitat for Humanity of Mason County, Little River Casino Resort, Munson Healthcare Manistee Hospital, Manistee News Advocate, RIGHTside design, West Shore ESD, Lake Michigan CPA Services, Brickley DeLong, Merskin and Merskin, Broadstone Accounting, St. Simon’s Church, CPA, LLC. Metalworks, Inc., Alliance for Economic Success, FloraCraft, Martin Marietta Magnesia Specialties, Inc., and Great Lakes Castings, LLC.</li> </ul>
(ii) The community college provides customized on-site training for area companies, employees, or both.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WSCC provides local businesses on-site training including training in hospitality, customer service, leadership, Microsoft Excel, QuickBooks, and ServSafe Training.</li> <li>• WSCC provides local manufacturer’s customized training and skilled testing opportunities.</li> </ul>
(iii) The community college supports entrepreneurship through a small business assistance center or other training or consulting activities targeted toward small businesses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WSCC supports entrepreneurship through the Business Opportunity Center with input from Chambers of Commerce Directors, The Starting Block Business Incubator, Michigan Works!, MMTTC, SCORE, MSU Extension, MI-SBTDC, MMIC, RBIN, and e-Merge.</li> <li>• WSCC supports the Ludington &amp; Scottville Chamber of Commerce and Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce economic development positions.</li> </ul>
(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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WSCC has a manufacturing lab complex that includes electrical-electronic systems, precision machining, CNC, mechanical systems, mechatronics, and welding which is used by students and industry.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● WSCC's Nursing Program has simulation equipment to provide high fidelity technology to our students and health care professionals.</li> <li>● WSCC's Criminal Justice Program has partnered with local agencies to purchase and train on the total station system.</li> </ul>
(v) The community college has active partnerships with local or regional workforce and economic development agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● WSCC has a manufacturing lab complex that includes electrical-electronic systems, precision machining, CNC, mechanical systems and mechatronics which is used by students and industry.</li> <li>● WSCC is represented on numerous local and regional workforce and economic development agencies such as Mason County Growth Alliance, Manistee Economic Development Council, TalentFirst, Industrial Development Corporation of Manistee County, and the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission.</li> </ul>
<b>Category B: Educational Partnerships (must meet 4 of 5)</b>	
(i) The community college has active partnerships with regional high schools, intermediate school districts, and career-tech centers to provide instruction through dual enrollment, concurrent enrollment, direct credit, middle college, or academy programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● WSCC has active partnerships with fourteen school districts to provide dual enrollment opportunities.</li> <li>● WSCC has an active partnership with the West Shore Educational Service District (WSESD) to provide Career and Technical Education credit, and with both the Newaygo Career Tech and the Wexford-Missaukee ISD Career and Technical Center to provide articulated or transcribed credits.</li> <li>● WSCC's partnership with the WSESD includes ASM Tech, an Early College Program.</li> <li>● WSCC hosts the WSESD Agri-Science Program on the campus of WSCC.</li> </ul>
(ii) The community college hosts, sponsors, or participates in enrichment programs for area K-12 students, such as college days, summer or after-school programming, or science Olympiad.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● WSCC provides K-12 students enrichment programs.</li> <li>● WSCC provides high school students College Nights, Financial Aid Nights, and campus visits and tours; WSCC provides 8th grade college visits.</li> <li>● WSCC hosts an Autism Spectrum Disorder Social Coaching program.</li> <li>● WSCC hosts College for Kids allowing children ages 9-12 the opportunity to participate in structured activities and non-traditional education on a college campus.</li> </ul>
(iii) The community college provides, supports, 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● WSCC promotes professional development for K-12 arts educators by hosting an in-service two times each year. In addition, students, whose work is exhibited in the WSCC art gallery at the end of each school year, attend the second in-service with their</li> </ul>

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<p>readiness in area high schools and community centers.</p>	<p>teacher and learn more about the life and career path of being an artist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WSCC promotes college readiness in the district through a Literacy Network with the local ESD, faculty participation on the State Review Board and National Higher Education Review Board for science standards at the high school and college level, placement testing on campus and through the Baldwin, Mason County Eastern, Shelby, Manistee Catholic Central and Newaygo outreach centers, early college placement testing for high school juniors, and programs to expedite below college level students to college readiness.</li> <li>• WSCC partners with MI Works to provide campus visits for returning to college students.</li> </ul>
<p>(iv) The community college provides, supports, or participates in programming to promote successful transitions to college for new or reentering adult students, such as adult basic education, GED preparation and testing, or recruiting, advising, or orientation activities specific to adults.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WSCC provides GED testing through our Pearson Vue Authorized Testing Center.</li> <li>• WSCC provides adult student advising, career center advising, scholarship information, community resource referrals, and crisis intervention.</li> </ul>
<p>(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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WSCC has articulation agreements, which include 2 + 2 and 3 + 1 programs, with Ferris State University, Davenport University, Walsh College and Central Michigan University, and University of Michigan.</li> <li>• WSCC has established a program transfer partnership between the College's Digital Literacy program (AA) and the University of Michigan's Bachelor of Science in Information.</li> <li>• WSCC has reverse transfer agreements with Central Michigan University, Davenport University, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, and Lake Superior State University and Western Michigan University.</li> <li>• WSCC has associate degree program offerings in Agricultural Operations and Fruit and Vegetable Management in partnership with Michigan State University.</li> <li>• WSCC has formed a partnership with Ferris State University called the "Connections Program" which enables students who start their university education at WSCC to finish their bachelor's degrees at Ferris State University – and to hold a distinctive FSU Connections Program status from the beginning. WSCC students have access to FSU libraries, recreational facilities and student organizations, access to athletic events, and access to cultural and social events offered at FSU.</li> </ul>

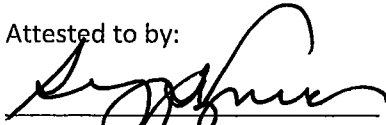
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<b>Category C: Community Services (must meet 4 of 5)</b>	
<p>(i) The community college provides continuing education programming for leisure, wellness, personal enrichment, or professional development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WSCC offers continuing education programming that promotes leisure, wellness, cultural and personal enrichment.</li> <li>• WSCC through the Business Opportunity Center, offers online programming providing continuing education credits in professional development.</li> <li>• WSCC offers a County Corrections Academy to service regional law enforcement agencies.</li> <li>• WSCC's Early Childhood Education program partners with West Shore ESD to host an annual Early Childhood Summit open to community members and students. Vendors and sponsors involved in 2018 include: Mason-Lake-Oceana Great Start Collaborative, Mason County District Library, Northwest Resource Center, Ferris State University, Great Start Readiness Program, Launch Manistee, Western Resource Center, and WSESD.</li> </ul>
<p>(ii) The community college operates or sponsors opportunities for community members to engage in activities that promote leisure, wellness, cultural or personal enrichment such as community sports teams, theater or musical ensembles, or artist guilds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WSCC, through the HUMANKIND Series, offers exhibits, lectures, music concerts, and theatrical performances, and activities (e.g., book discussion groups) to promotion connection, community and culture both on campus and off campus at diverse locations including Ludington, Manistee, Pentwater, and Hart. WSCC works with area businesses to reach out to the public.</li> <li>• WSCC offers an annual performing arts series of theater, concert, and lecture events open to the public.</li> <li>• WSCC theatre production cast parts are open to students and community members.</li> </ul>
<p>(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 television or radio stations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WSCC sponsors musical ensembles that include students and community members and also a wind symphony, jazz band, percussion ensemble, and the community choir with public performances of each ensemble.</li> <li>• WSCC operates the William M. Anderson Library for student and public use.</li> <li>• WSCC operates a public art gallery, the Manierre Dawson Gallery, which hosts a number of shows and exhibits annually, including 2-4 professional shows, both a high school student show and competition, organized in collaboration with local school districts, and a college student show.</li> </ul>
<p>(iv) The community college operates public facilities to promote leisure or wellness activities for community members, including gymnasiums, athletic fields, tennis courts, fitness centers, hiking or biking trails, or natural areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WSCC operates both a public recreation center and a public ice arena and has hiking trails, cross-country trails, a sports field, and a disc golf course open to the public.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WSCC holds an annual 5K run for the community called the Muddy Fox Trot.</li> </ul>
(v) The community college promotes, sponsors, or hosts community service activities for students, staff, or community members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WSCC hosts an annual 'College Night' with numerous colleges and universities represented serving local high school students.</li> <li>• WSCC has a Recreation Center open to the public with 'health and wellness' opportunities and programs.</li> <li>• WSCC facilitates competitive hockey programs, from pee-wee through adults, on campus at the West Shore Ice Arena.</li> <li>• WSCC's nursing program provides a community fair that presents a variety of different health care topics appropriate to multiple ages and interests.</li> </ul>

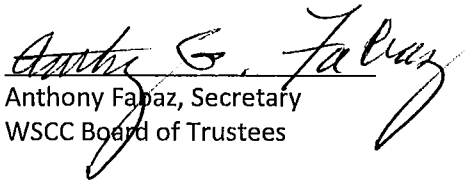
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Shore Community College Board of Trustees certifies that the College does meet the best practice standards required for state appropriations under Michigan Public Act 144 of 2022, Section 230 and approves the Best Practices Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Best Practices Resolution be presented to the State Budget Office on or before October 15, 2022, on behalf of the trustees, administration, faculty, staff and students of West Shore Community College on this 19th day of September 2022 and that a copy be permanently inserted into the meeting minutes.

Attested to by:

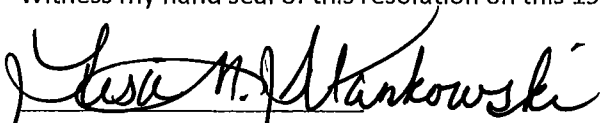


Sherry Wyman, Chair  
WSCC Board of Trustees



Anthony Fabaz, Secretary  
WSCC Board of Trustees

Witness my hand seal of this resolution on this 19th day of September 2022.



Lisa M. Stankowski, Notary  
Executive Assistant to the President