



MICHIGAN COMMUNITY
COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

FY27 Budget: Conference Priorities

Supporting Student Success, Talent Development & Community Vitality

Increase Ongoing Community College Operations Funding

- Support a minimum **4% ongoing increase** (\$14.6 million)
- Ongoing operations funding remains critical to sustaining high-quality instruction, student services, and workforce training

Expand Postsecondary Access

- Support **ongoing dual enrollment funding** that expands college access, affordability, and workforce pathways
- Continue full funding and codification of the **Michigan Achievement Scholarship**
- Support “Reconnect Plus” pathways that allow adult learners to continue into the Michigan Achievement Scholarship
- Expand **Michigan Reconnect eligibility to age 21**

Invest in ITEMS and Infrastructure

- Support a minimum **\$15.3 million ITEMS** appropriation for Michigan’s 28 community colleges and 3 tribal colleges to support infrastructure, technology, cybersecurity, campus safety, equipment, and deferred maintenance needs
- Infrastructure and operations are interdependent; ongoing ITEMS funding should include ongoing operational support
- Support **capital outlay** planning and construction authorizations

Maintain Sustainable Tuition Restraint Policy

MCCA supports maintaining the FY27 tuition restraint agreement included in all budget proposals (4% or \$199) and the Executive’s FY28 recommendation (5% or \$255).

Colleges cannot absorb rising long-term operational costs while simultaneously facing tighter tuition limits and limited operational support.

The Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) represents Michigan’s 28 public community colleges and three tribal colleges. Community colleges expand educational opportunity, strengthen local economies, and prepare nearly 300,000 Michiganders for transfer, careers, and workforce success.

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