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MCCC LAUNCHES INFORMATIONAL WEBSITE ON MILLAGE REQUEST

MONROE, Mich. – Monroe County Community College has launched an informational website about the property tax levy it has placed on the ballot for the Nov. 4 election.

The direct link to the website is www.monroecc.edu/millage. It can also be easily accessed via a graphic on MCCC's home page, www.monroecc.edu.

MCCC will ask voters to approve an additional 1 mill property tax levy in November. The college currently levies 2.1794 mills and has not asked for an additional tax levy in 34 years. If passed, the levy would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$4 per month.

According to Board Chair William J. Bacarella Jr., cost containment efforts have been underway at MCCC since 2008 to offset critical decreases to its funding streams.

These efforts continue today due to basically flat revenues from property taxes and state appropriations following years of declines.

“We have been treading water financially for 7-8 years to continue to meet the changing needs of our constituents,” Bacarella said. “Even though our cost containment efforts have produced substantial savings and efficiencies, MCCC still faces numerous challenges to our ability to continue to offer high-quality higher education at an affordable price.”

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The website was created to provide Monroe County voters with the information they need to make an informed decision about the millage request.

It includes information such as the official language that will appear on the ballot, levy facts, why a millage request is needed, what happens if it passes and what happens if it fails.

It also provides facts about MCCC's contributions to the community, affordability of an MCCC education, academic quality and student success at MCCC, how the college attracts and retains businesses in Monroe County, and the overall economic impact it has on the community.

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