

## RESOLUTION OF THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of St. Clair County Community College held on **Thursday, October 10, 2024**:

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Karen Niver, Marcia Robbins, Robert Tansky, John Lusk, Kim Brown, Kristin Ryan and Mukund Wankhede

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:** n/a

The following preamble and resolution were offered by **TRUSTEE LUSK** and supported by **TRUSTEE TANSKY**:

WHEREAS, Section 165 of Michigan Public Act 230 (2-3) designates that an appropriation for local strategic value shall be allocated to each community college that certifies to the state budget director, through a Board of Trustees resolution on or before October 15, 2024, that the college has met 4 out of 5 best practices listed in each category, the **Board of Trustees of St. Clair County Community College** does hereby certify that the college meets the designated best practices as identified in the table below:

Best Practices by Category	Examples of Adherence
Category A: Economic Development and Business or Industry Partnerships	
(i) The community college has active partnerships with local employers including hospitals and health care providers.	<p>SC4 partners with a number of local agencies to provide students with impactful, high-quality education and experiences. Local hospitals and healthcare providers provide real experience for students in health science and ensure program accreditation requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursing program clinical agreements</li> <li>• Radiologic technology clinical agreements</li> <li>• Respiratory therapy clinical agreements</li> <li>• Partnership with Lakewood School of Therapeutic Massage</li> <li>• Partnership with McLaren Port Huron for athletic trainers</li> <li>• Health clinic on campus with St. Clair County Health Department</li> </ul> <p>First responders receive essential training and valuable experience on our campus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Port Huron Fire Department for firefighter training</li> <li>• The Port Huron Police Department                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conducts the MILO simulation training center and defensive tactics training for local law enforcement and students</li> <li>○ Conducts active shooter response training on-campus for first responder agencies county-wide.</li> <li>○ Provides a Campus Resource Officer</li> <li>○ Provides field experience opportunities for students in the SC4 criminal justice program</li> </ul> </li> <li>• SC4 partners with local employers to connect students with future employers and ensure market-aligned instruction.</li> <li>• Apprenticeship agreements that connect students with on-the-job training</li> <li>• Intern opportunities that connect students with hands-on experience and training</li> <li>• Employee Assistance Program and Workers' Compensation with McLaren Industrial Health System</li> <li>• Partnership with Community Action Agency for Student</li> </ul>

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	<p>Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular in-class visits and campus tours with local employer representatives</li> <li>• Academic coursework/capstone projects in collaboration with local employers</li> <li>• Developing partnerships with employers across the region thanks to alumni connections and advocacy</li> <li>• Advisory committees</li> </ul>
<p>(ii) The community college provides customized on-site training for area companies, employees, or both.</p>	<p>SC4 is an active institution in the Port Huron Community and has a long history and supporting local businesses. The college provides assistance through various programs and supports that are designed to help local employers succeed and foster relationships between students and future employers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides multi-year Michigan New Jobs Training Program Agreements for customized training with area employers</li> <li>• Ensures customized training is available to local employers in allied health, industrial manufacturing, information technology, management and public safety</li> <li>• Provides apprenticeship programs</li> <li>• Provides assistance to employers seeking grant funds to support employee training</li> <li>• Provides internships in occupational programs</li> <li>• Engineering Technology department works with companies to align training for employees</li> <li>• Works with local employers to provide sponsorship opportunities for employers seeking specific skills and training</li> <li>• MI Works</li> </ul>
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<p>(iii) The community college supports entrepreneurship through a small business assistance center or other training or consulting activities targeted toward small businesses.</p>	<p>SC4 values local small businesses and entrepreneurship and works in partnership with many organizations to support them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership with the Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County</li> <li>• Customized training available for small business employees</li> <li>• Member of Blue Water Area, St. Clair, Yale, Anchor Bay and Marine City Chambers of Commerce</li> <li>• Provides companies with access to <i>Career Coach</i> online software to advertise job postings for on-campus recruiting</li> <li>• Member or participant in Port Huron Rotary, Fort Gratiot Business Association, Save Our Neighborhoods and Streets, National Association of Career Women and St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body Committee</li> <li>• Job fairs offered to support the labor needs of area small businesses</li> </ul>
<p>(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.</p>	<p>Students are able to access two major technical centers on campus. The first is the Port Huron Police Department development center on campus featuring MILO simulation training, which prepares SC4 criminal justice students for real-life situations they will encounter in their field. Second, SC4 has an Applied Technology Center and MDOT Certified Welding Center. This large space includes the equipment and space needed for SC4 welding students to practice and perfect specific welds before testing for certification.</p> <p>Additionally, SC4 works in collaboration with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern Michigan Manufacturing Association</li> <li>• MIOSHA training partner/provider</li> <li>• Aerospace Industry Association of Michigan</li> <li>• CTMC</li> </ul>
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<p>(v) The community college has active partnerships with local or regional workforce and economic development agencies.</p>	<p>The college has representatives on boards and committees of many local organizations, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Development Alliance (EDA) of St. Clair County</li> <li>• Senior staff member on EDA Board</li> <li>• Macomb/St. Clair Michigan Works, Workforce Development Board</li> <li>• Local Blue Meets Green initiative</li> <li>• Blue Water Chamber, Business/Education Committee and Governance Committee</li> <li>• Workforce Taskforce Initiative through EDA</li> <li>• Member of the Learning Resources Network and Blue Water Human Resources Association</li> <li>• Member of the MiSTEM Region 6 Network</li> <li>• Macomb/St. Clair Michigan Works Offender Success Initiative</li> <li>• Regional Prosperity (Region 6) committee</li> </ul>
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**Category B: Educational Partnerships**

<p>(i) The community college has active partnerships with regional high schools, intermediate school districts, and career-tech centers to provide instruction through dual enrollment, direct credit, middle college, or academy programs.</p>	<p>A portion of SC4 students are high school students who are interested in taking college-level courses. Through dual enrollment and middle college, SC4 is able to give these students access to courses that will further their educational goals. Additionally, SC4 aligns coursework to support students in counties across Michigan with the completion of the Michigan Transfer Agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership with UP Lift Michigan Online, which is authorized by the Stephenson Area Public Schools in the upper peninsula, to offer dual enrollment to students</li> <li>• Partnership with the Career and Technical Middle College allows students to pursue career-oriented studies in high school and college settings while earning college credit</li> <li>• Partnership with the Blue Water Middle College Academy allows students from six St. Clair County high schools to graduate after five years with both a high school diploma and an associate degree at no cost</li> <li>• Partnership with the St. Clair County and Sanilac County Local College Access Network (CAN)/Blue Water CAN, which assists students and parents in preparing for college</li> <li>• SC4 recruiters are present in local high schools</li> <li>• Emphasis on recruiting students through Detroit Promise</li> <li>• Yale High School pilot project- English</li> <li>• Grant to work with Port Huron and Yale schools for student success.</li> </ul> <p>SC4 strives to provide enrichment and educational opportunities that encourage personal growth in students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnerships with the Sanilac Career Center and SC4 student Baja Club, allowing students to compete in races nationally against other colleges and universities; engineering graphics, mechatronics and precision machine classes taught at Sanilac Career Center as part of this partnership.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College Access Network (MCAN) advising team on campus to showcase community college opportunities for students</li> <li>• Partnership with the Michigan Space Grant Consortium, expanding opportunities for Americans to understand and participate in NASA's aeronautics and space projects</li> </ul>
<p>(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.</p>	<p>SC4 offers academic and enrichment programs for K-12 students and partners with and hosts events for community organizations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participates in after-school programming for local community organizations</li> <li>• Host site for local eighth-grade tours of campus each spring through Blue Water CAN 8th Grade Decision Day</li> <li>• Offers campus tours for individuals and K-12 groups</li> <li>• Informal STEM programming to Blue Water Area</li> <li>• Partnered with Michigan Tech University to host STEM Fest, a comprehensive hands-on STEM experience. During this event, families and students of all ages are invited to participate in interactive activities and learn more about STEM fields.</li> <li>• Partnership with area employers such as McLaren and school districts to bring K-12 students interested in health careers to the college's innovative Health Sciences Building</li> <li>• Host site for numerous financial aid nights on campus, virtually and at local high schools each year</li> <li>• Host site for Congressional Art Show</li> </ul> <p>The SC4 Experience Center has proved an invaluable resource for engaging young minds in STEM fields.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expanded Experience Center to include the Challenger Learning Center at St. Clair County Community College, a fully immersive space-themed simulation experience focused on STEM concepts and career opportunities.</li> <li>• Offers field trips and tours through the Experience Center and Challenger Learning Center at SC4</li> <li>• Located with the Experience Center, the Dr. Bassam H. Nasr Natural Science Museum displays more than 200 authentic replica and fossil artifacts and is open to the public and available for school tours</li> </ul> <p>Additional opportunities for K-12 students, either provided by or hosted by SC4, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host site for high school sports tournaments</li> <li>• Host site for middle school basketball, volleyball, cheer, and wrestling tournaments are held on campus</li> <li>• Host site for the Beatrice Thornton Student Art Exhibition annual event showcasing work from local K-12 students</li> <li>• Provides science, technology, engineering, arts, math and sports camp for K-12 students</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planetarium visits</li> <li>• Host for Destination Imagination competition</li> </ul>
<p>(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 readiness in area high schools and community centers.</p>	<p>To support students in the transition from high school to college, SC4 offers programs to assist students with the academic, financial and social transition to college.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides free college Mathematics and English readiness preparation utilizing EdReady software</li> <li>• Coordinates SC4 Strive Mentorship program matching students in search of mentorship with SC4 staff mentors</li> <li>• Presenter at Blue Water CAN Ask-an-Expert events for high school students about financial aid, college admissions and athletics</li> <li>• Host site for Health Education Systems Incorporated (HESI) exam preparation workshops to assist health sciences applicants with entry to SC4 programs</li> <li>• Host site for FosterConnect event on campus to support more than 40 foster youth from 6 Michigan counties with the college enrollment process</li> <li>• Host site for the St. Clair County RESA Next Transition program for young adults age 18-26 with disabilities to learn life skills and gain work experiences</li> <li>• Offer an adaptive sports wheelchair basketball team to provide access and opportunity to students with a variety of physical disabilities</li> <li>• PTK</li> <li>• Hosted high school counselors on campus</li> <li>• Grant with Port Huron and Yale</li> <li>• FAFSA Workshops</li> <li>• TRIO</li> <li>• Member of the Detroit Promise scholarship program</li> <li>• Member of the Detroit Regional Talent Compact</li> <li>• Member of the Detroit Drives Degrees Community College Collaborative (D3C3)</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, GED testing, or recruiting, advising, or orientation activities specific to adults.</p>	<p>SC4 actively works to understand and meet the needs of non-traditional students. The college offers all students academic support through various services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides free college Mathematics and English readiness preparation utilizing EdReady software</li> <li>• Collaborates with local GED prep center</li> <li>• Provide tutoring in numerous subjects</li> <li>• Writing Center/Math Center – students can access these centers virtually for one-on-one assistance with writing and math</li> <li>• Study Skills/Student Success Seminars are open to students, alumni and community residents and are designed to support student success</li> <li>• Partnership with Literacy and Beyond and the 2 GEN program, providing support to help adult students succeed in college.</li> <li>• Coordinates SC4 Strive Mentorship program matching students in search of mentorship with SC4 staff mentors at SC4 (separate by relevant department)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michigan Reconnect compliant realignment of Mathematics and English developmental ed courses into 100-level gateway courses that count toward graduation requirements</li> <li>• PTK</li> </ul> <p>Non-academic support is available for all students and is promoted through the appropriate channels at SC4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advising and new student orientation appointments offered</li> <li>• Assessment test prep workshops help students improve their college placement scores</li> <li>• TRIO – Student Support Services offers personalized support services to help qualified students stay in college, graduate and transfer</li> <li>• College success course provides students with insight into their strengths, weaknesses and preferred style of learning</li> <li>• MI Reconnect</li> <li>• Student Veterans Office</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>	<p>Many SC4 students seek to continue their education at four-year colleges and universities. To help make this process seamless for the student, SC4 works actively through partnerships with other institutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reverse transfer agreements with Saginaw Valley State University, Oakland University, Grand Valley State University Ferris State University, University of Michigan-Flint, Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Walsh College, Wayne State University, and Western Michigan University</li> <li>• Articulation agreements and 3+1 transfer programs in place with 15 four-year institutions, including Chamberlain University in Nursing, Northwood University in Management, Marketing and Computer Information Management; Walsh College in Business Administration, Accounting and Computer Information Systems; Eastern Michigan University in Technology Management, Nursing and Public Administration; Siena Heights University in Nursing, Applied Science and Business; Ferris State University in Health Information Management and Criminal Justice, and Oakland University in Business Administration, Nursing, and Applied Health Science.</li> <li>• Ferris State University offers a Master’s of Science in Criminal Justice Administration degree</li> <li>• Participates in the MiTransfer Pathways</li> <li>• Participates in MiWorkfoce Pathways for occupational degrees</li> <li>• Agreement with Wayne State University providing SC4 students with a seamless transfer pathway to Wayne State’s College of Engineering</li> <li>• Agreement with Western Michigan University to create a smoother process for SC4 graduates who transfer to WMU to pursue a bachelor’s degree in public health</li> </ul>
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Category C: Community Services	
<p>(i) The community college provides continuing education programming for leisure, wellness, personal enrichment, or professional development.</p>	<p>The college provides many activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional development opportunities offered for faculty and staff</li> <li>• Educational events are hosted by faculty and staff members, departments and student clubs, including Constitution Day, sexual assault awareness and prevention program, STEM events and more</li> <li>• Partnered with the University of Michigan to host the Wolverine Invitational wheelchair basketball tournament, including an opportunity for the campus and community to participate in adaptive sports clinics</li> <li>• Host site for the MHSAA state quarterfinals in volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball</li> </ul> <p>SC4 offers physical and emotional wellness opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnered with the City of Marysville and Priority Health to provide an outdoor Fitness Court for campus and community use</li> <li>• Physical education classes offered</li> <li>• Free Koru mindfulness classes offered to students to address student anxiety and stress</li> <li>• Bettermynd online therapy platform available to students</li> <li>• On-campus Health Clinic</li> <li>• Mental Health First Aid training, offered in partnership with Community Mental Health</li> <li>• Provides free YMCA pass for housing students and student athletes</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>	<p>The college provides many activities for community members and students to enjoy leisure, wellness, cultural and personal enrichment.</p> <p>SC4 offers opportunities for the community to engage in the arts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Symphonic band and community choir membership is open to community members; free public concerts and theatrical productions are held each year</li> <li>• Arts and cultural events offered throughout year, including free concert and art exhibits</li> <li>• Annual art/literary publication <i>Patterns</i> includes student work to promote student engagement</li> <li>• Art sculptures on campus</li> <li>• Free Noon/Night Concert Series held monthly during fall and winter semesters</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community members and students can enjoy various athletic events either hosted or provided by SC4.</li> <li>• Sports and arts camps held for K-12 students</li> <li>• Walking track, fitness center, and 188-step Tower climb available for students/community</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hosts annual Alumni golf outing for the campus and community</li> <li>• Host site for events by outside groups including Port Huron Sports Hall of Fame and Community Resource Fair</li> <li>• Arts and athletics events bring in more than 40,000 visitors to campus annually</li> <li>• YMCA Night of Champions Event</li> <li>• Wheelchair basketball</li> <li>• Additional community events are also available at SC4.</li> <li>• Student clubs offer blood donation drives</li> <li>• Participated in the Lake Huron Medical Center Health Fair</li> <li>• Host a Naturalization Ceremony in collaboration with the US Citizenship and Immigration Services, which was open to the campus and community, welcoming new US Citizens from across the globe</li> <li>• Hosted community missions for all ages in the Challenger Learning Center</li> <li>• SC4 STEM Fest</li> <li>• Eclipse day</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 and art galleries.</p>	<p>SC4 is home to many cultural, educational, and personal enrichment opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fine Arts Theatre and art galleries</li> <li>• Art archives online for viewing/locating all art on campus</li> <li>• Experience Center, Challenger Learning Center, and Natural Science Museum</li> <li>• Little Free Library on campus</li> <li>• Port Huron Sports Hall of Fame induction plaques on display in Fieldhouse</li> <li>• SC4 Skippers Hall of Fame plaques displayed in the Fieldhouse</li> <li>• House SC4 Seed Library in partnership with Friends of the St. Clair River</li> <li>• Outdoor campus art sculptures</li> <li>• Informational signage for SC4 bio swales and Rain gardens</li> <li>• Natural Science Museum</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>	<p>The college campus and outside facilities are conducive to physical wellness activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fieldhouse use available to students/employees/community groups/K-12</li> <li>• Fitness center available to students/employees/community</li> <li>• Walkable campus</li> <li>• Baseball diamond available for student and community use</li> <li>• Softball diamond in Marysville available for student and community use</li> <li>• Skippers Athletic complex with turf soccer field and four-lane workout track available for campus and community use</li> <li>• Outdoor Fitness Court available for campus and community use at the Skippers Athletic Complex in Marysville</li> </ul>
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<p>(v) The community college promotes, sponsors, or hosts community service activities for students, staff, or community members.</p>	<p>SC4 community services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides service activities by student clubs, including blood drive, hat/coat drive and food drive</li> <li>• Food pantry available for students including perishables, non-perishables and personal use items.</li> <li>• Participant in annual Rotary Parade</li> <li>• Host site for lectures and educational events</li> <li>• Host site for annual Community Resource Fair which provides services for families experiencing homelessness</li> <li>• Partnership with the Blue Water Chamber, EDA and Michigan Works! to host annual career fair</li> <li>• Hosted and organized the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration for the campus and community</li> <li>• Host DEI Book Discussions</li> <li>• Host a Juneteenth Celebration</li> <li>• Host a Black History Month Read-In Event</li> <li>• United Way Cabinet Campaign Team and Fund Drive participant</li> <li>• Host site for “Next Program” which assists students with high school completion certificates and provides the tools to learn social and job skills</li> <li>• Allow all employees to participate in volunteer day of service</li> <li>• Annual Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention presentation</li> <li>• Cancer Awareness Pink games to raise funds</li> </ul>
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Board of Trustees of St. Clair County Community College** does hereby certify that the College has met the required best practice measures within each local strategic value category.

AYES: 7  
 NAYS: 0  
 ABSTENTIONS: 0

Resolution declared adopted on: **October 10, 2024**

Sarah L. Rutallie  
 Secretary, Board of Trustees  
 St. Clair County Community College