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### **LCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTS FY 2009-10 BUDGET**

LANSING – On Monday night, the Lansing Community College Board of Trustees adopted a \$124 million balanced budget for FY 2009-10 that maintains tuition rates at their current levels for the upcoming school year. The college’s fiscal year begins July 1, 2009.

Tuition will remain at \$73 per billing hour for in-district students, \$134 per billing hour for out-of-district students and \$201 per billing hour for out-of-state and international students.

LCC had to cut more than \$9.3 million from its original budget in order to maintain current tuition levels. The projected deficit was addressed through

- \$4.7 million in non-personnel cost reductions and revenue enhancements, such as minimizing the use of overtime and outside contractual help; reducing travel, supplies, printing, and postage; freezing high-level, non-union administrators’ pay; improving tuition collection; and increasing returns on investments;
- \$1.3 million in savings as a result of a voluntary retirement/separation incentive program; and
- \$3.3 million through a reduction in less than 30 non-teaching positions.

“We believe that this budget balances the needs of the faculty and staff with the needs of our students and the expectations of our community,” said LCC Board Chair Deborah Canja. “We are not increasing tuition, and we will not ask for a millage increase. We will not sacrifice the excellence of our academic programs or the quality of support we provide our students, and we will live within our means. As a result of this budget and those ideals, Lansing Community College will emerge stronger, more efficient and more effective.”

“We have worked hard to develop a budget that keeps the needs of the students first, which includes a freeze on tuition,” said Dr. Brent Knight, LCC President. “We explored many options and we made difficult decisions, but, ultimately, these decisions will result in maintaining the affordable and high-quality education for which LCC has always been known.”

### **About Lansing Community College**

Lansing Community College is Michigan’s third largest community college with more than 32,000 students attending each year. The College has more than 240 degree and certificate programs. LCC offers courses in *general education* for those interested in transferring to a four-year institution, *career and workforce development*, *developmental education* and *personal enrichment*. To meet the professional development and training needs of regional employees, the college offers customized programs for credit, non-credit and continuing education. The University Center at LCC offers students the opportunity to earn bachelor’s and master’s degrees from six partner universities on the downtown LCC campus. For more information, visit [www.lcc.edu](http://www.lcc.edu).