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Westchester County Board of Legislators
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Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators:

I am pleased to submit the proposed operating and capital budgets for Westchester Community College (WCC) for the 2025–2026 academic year for your consideration.

The operating budget includes a modest tuition increase of \$150 per semester, as approved by the WCC Board of Trustees. A key priority for the County is to ensure students have access to high-quality academic opportunities while maintaining affordability. In support of this goal, the County is increasing its sponsor contribution to \$26,200,000—an increase of \$350,000 over the previous academic year.

The proposed capital budget includes appropriations totaling \$31,290,000 for FY 2025–2026, with the County responsible for funding approximately half of that amount. These capital funds will support critical renovations to the Library, Science, and Administration buildings; upgrades to classrooms and administrative facilities; enhanced technology infrastructure across both on- and off-campus sites; and the installation of rooftop solar panels at multiple locations. In addition, the County will provide approximately \$3,567,343 to support the College's capital debt service.

Westchester County remains committed to supporting accessible, affordable higher education for our residents. Education continues to be a powerful driver of upward mobility, community development, and long-term economic and social benefit. Despite the challenges ahead, our investment in higher education remains unwavering.

The proposed budget reflects the County's continued support of Westchester Community College's mission of student success, academic excellence, workforce development, economic advancement, and lifelong learning. We are proud to help ensure the College has the resources it needs to achieve these vital goals.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK

Your Committee on Budget and Appropriations is in receipt of a transmittal from the County Executive of his proposed 2025-26 Westchester Community College Budget and Budget Act making appropriations in the amounts of one hundred twenty-seven million, five hundred nine thousand, nine hundred and ten dollars (\$127,509,910) for operating purposes, and thirty-one million, two hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$31,290,000) for capital purposes for the support of the County Community College for the fiscal year beginning September first two thousand twenty-five.

The accompanying budget proposal calls for a County Sponsor Contribution in the amount of twenty-six million two hundred thousand dollars (\$26,200,000) to be appropriated and taxed for in the 2026 Westchester General Fund Operating Budget for the support of Community College Operations for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025.

The Department of Budget has advised that this legislation is necessary for the operation of Westchester Community College for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025.

Therefore, the Committee recommends the adoption of the attached Budget Act making appropriations for the support of the County Community College for the fiscal year beginning September first two thousand twenty-five.

DATED: _____, 2025
White Plains, New York

ACT NO. - 2025

AN ACT adopting the Westchester County Community College Budget and making appropriations for the operation of the Westchester Community College. Be it enacted by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The accompanying Departmental Budget for the Community College in the gross amount of One Hundred Twenty-Seven Million, Five Hundred Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$127,509,910) and the Capital Budget in the gross amount of Thirty-One Million, Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$31,290,000) is hereby adopted for the Community College fiscal year September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026.

Section 2. The several amounts specified in the above mentioned budget under the column heading "allowed 2025/2026" are hereby appropriated for such purposes under the following general classifications:

Personal Service (Code 1)	\$ 104,790,068
Purchase of Equipment (Code 2)	\$ 430,415
Materials and Supplies (Code 3)	\$ 4,287,345
Expenses (Codes 4 and 5)	\$ 18,002,082
Capital Budget (Code 9000)	\$ 31,290,000

Section 3. The President of the Community College, pursuant to regulations established by the College Board of Trustees, is hereby authorized to make transfers between sub-accounts within the general classifications of Personal Service (Code 1), Purchase of Equipment (Code 2), Materials and Supplies (Code 3), and Expenses (Codes 4 and 5).

Section 4. The Budget Director, with the approval of the County Executive and the Committee on Budget and Appropriations, after formal request and justification by the College President upon authorization by the College Board of Trustees, is hereby authorized to make transfers among the sub-accounts within the general classification of Capital (Code 9000), and between any general classifications of account.

Section 5. The total annual salaried position count, exclusive of trusts and grants, is Five Hundred and Seventy-One (571). The President of the College may, upon authorization of the College Board of Trustees, and certification to the Budget Director of availability of funds, increase this count by no more than five percentum (5%), rounded down to the nearest whole number, in the fiscal year. Increases over five percentum (5%) require approval of the Budget Director, after request of the College President, as authorized by the College Board of Trustees. Appeal of the Budget Director's decision may be made to the County Executive, whose decision will be considered final. Annual Salaried positions may not be created in Other Than Personal Service operating accounts.

Section 6. Where personnel are employed under a trust or grant, such employment shall terminate at the expiration of the funds provided by the trust or grant.

Section 7. An amount not to exceed Twenty-Six Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$26,200,000) shall be appropriated and taxed for in the 2026 Westchester County General Fund Operating Budget as a sponsor contribution to support the 2025/2026 Westchester County Community College Budget. Appropriations for Expenditure Transfers and Reimbursements in the College's 2025/2026 budget, or such amounts as shall be sufficient and necessary to accomplish the designated purposes of this budget including but not limited to meeting the state maintenance of effort and tuition cap requirements and the net return from the 2025/2026 budget due hereunder to the general fund, may not be changed without the written approval of the County Executive and the Budget Director.

Section 8. Upon request of and justification by the President of the College, the Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized, to the extent necessary to satisfy current obligations or continue existing operations, to advance such additional funds on hand to 2025/2026 budget accounts.

Section 9. Other revenues to support the operation of the 2025/2026 Community College Departmental Budget are hereby estimated as follows:

State Aid	\$	30,496,936
Departmental:		
Student Tuition	\$	51,930,974
Other	\$	3,194,000
Chargebacks to Other		
Community Colleges:		
Operating	\$	5,018,000
Capital	\$	263,000
Fund Balance	\$	8,757,000
Interest on Investments	\$	1,650,000

Section 10. The President of the College shall file detailed monthly statements of expenditures and revenues with the County Board of Legislators, the Budget Director, and the Commissioner of Finance, said reports to be inclusive of all College operations. An annual audit, as well as any periodic audits which may be necessary, as prescribed by law, and provided for by the Board of Trustees, shall be filed with the County Board of Legislators, the Budget Director and the Commissioner of Finance.

Section 11. This Act shall take effect immediately.

DATED: August , 2025
White Plains, New York