Minnesota State FY2020–FY2021 Legislative Request: NHED – Itasca Community College

LOCATION: Grand Rapids

NOTE: Itasca Community College is part of the Northeast Higher Education District (NHED).

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FY18 STUDENT PROFILE: 1,718 Credit-seeking Students | 32.9% Pell Eligible | 17.8% Students of Color

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Request Details

Amounts are estimates and subject to change

» $5.3 million (as part of NHED) of $169 million in campus support
» 1,849 students, faculty, and staff will use NextGen
» An estimated 140 students will receive grants

What’s At Stake?

A fully funded request will:

» Ensure access to high-quality, meaningful education in the Grand Rapids area that will transform lives of the disadvantaged and contribute to the economic sustainability of the region.

Not fully funding the request will:

» Restrict the ability of the college to partner with high schools in the region, limiting opportunities for high school students to get meaningful and practical training aimed at local workforce needs.

» Jeopardize facilities critical to student success with outdated fire suppression systems and from structural deterioration and indoor air quality concerns.

2019 Capital Request

» $4.7 million in asset preservation and replacement to replace roofs and install boilers (as part of NHED)

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Itasca Community College is a learning-community college where students gain hands-on, practical experience through project-based learning, practicums, and participation in conferences. ICC offers a variety of transfer and career programs in high-demand industries.

SERVICE TO MINNESOTA

» Each year, as part of NHED, ICC, HCC, Mesabi Range College, RRCC, and VCC (Vermillion) generate $211.3 million in economic impact, as well as produce 1,100 graduates, and support and sustain 1,809 jobs.

» Partner with four local school districts to develop interdisciplinary career pathways education aligned with regional workforce needs.

» Foundational partner in developing Itasca Diversity Alliance.

» Educational partner in Blandin Foundation’s countywide regional workforce development initiative.

PARTNERSHIPS

» Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency: Partner with Adult Basic Education to provide services directly on campus, reducing barriers for at-risk students.

» Grand Rapids High School: Developed local lab space at the high school for partnered use for ICC’s industrial technology-process operations program, interdistrict high school career pathways instruction, and local industry for training operations.

» Second Harvest North Central Food Bank: Supports the food shelf on campus to meet student needs, reducing hunger as a barrier to success.

» Itasca Area Schools Collaborative & Circles of Healing: Piloting an education career pathway to develop the next generation of professional educators with a focus on promoting more indigenous students and the inclusion of indigenous history and perspectives in the curriculum.

FROM AN ALUMNUS:

“Itasca Community College has made innovative changes to their curriculum over the years in order to stay relevant with changes that are happening in the local economy. This allows Itasca’s graduates to bring new perspectives and ideas to the workforce.”

– Tom McBride, alumnus and Foundation Board member