

- ◆ Deferred maintenance has saved \$2 to \$3 million per fiscal year since 2013.

Even with these numerous cost-cutting and alternative revenue generating initiatives, the College operated with a \$6 million deficit for fiscal year 2017, and it is projected that the deficit will grow in 2018.

If approved, what will the College do with the money and how does it benefit students and the community?

- ◆ Expand its investment in career and technical education programs for in-demand careers, including manufacturing and healthcare. This will meet the needs of students who need jobs and local employers who need qualified employees.
- ◆ Continue to keep tuition low, thereby reducing the number of loans students need for college.
- ◆ Enhance its rigorous programs and student services that have made it the top community college in Michigan for combined graduation and transfer to four-year college or university rates. This is only possible from an organization that is funded adequately.

How will business/ industry benefit?

In addition to helping fill the shortage of qualified job candidates by investing in our career and technical education programs, our Business Development Center (BDC) will be able to continue offering valuable programs that meet the needs of area businesses.

Last year alone, the BDC assisted 700 local companies in growing their business by helping them develop their workforce, explore opportunities for growth, research and analyze the market or evaluate financial or legal issues. Beyond offering a variety of seminars and courses for small businesses, the BDC also provides free government contracting assistance to business firms in marketing products and services to the federal, state and local governments through its Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC).

When is the election?

Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. To vote in the Nov. 6 election, you must be a U.S. citizen; at least 18 years of age by Election Day; a resident of Michigan and the Schoolcraft College district; and registered to vote.

The College district includes residents in the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth-Canton public school districts. Please visit your city or township clerk or visit any Secretary of State office to register to vote. You must be registered 30 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote. The official “last day to register” for the Nov. 6 election is Monday, Oct. 8, 2018. You can also register to vote, request an absentee ballot or update an address online with TurboVote at www.schoolcraft.turbovote.org.

Where and how do I vote?

At your regular polling location or via absentee ballot. The voting location is printed on your voter registration card provided by the Secretary of State. If you're unsure of your precinct's voting location, please contact your city or township. Absentee ballots will be available from local clerks no later than September 22, 2018.

Where do I get more information?

Go to www.schoolcraft.edu/ballot.