

**RESOLUTION TO PARTNER  
YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AND WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Whereas**, former Willow Run and Ypsilanti Public School Districts have consolidated to form Ypsilanti Community Schools; and

**Whereas**, the formation of the new consolidated school district represents a unique opportunity to create a new 21<sup>st</sup> century model of K-12 teaching and learning; and

**Whereas**, the new Ypsilanti Community School District has determined, as an essential pillar of the new model, that all students should graduate with a career credential or college credit or both; and

**Whereas**, the new Ypsilanti Community School District officially begins on July 1, 2013; and

**Whereas**, the successful educational future of the students in the district requires enhanced options under the new model to be made available as soon as possible; and

**Whereas**, the mission of Michigan's intermediate school districts is to provide visionary leadership and quality services to strengthen teaching and learning for all students; and

**Whereas**, the Washtenaw Intermediate School District creates opportunities for students through collaboration with local school districts, community agencies, and other governmental entities, and

**Whereas**, it is a part of the mission of Washtenaw Community College to create a better educated workforce and stronger community; and

**Whereas**, Ypsilanti Community Schools, Washtenaw Intermediate School District, and Washtenaw Community College propose to work together to create and implement the teaching and learning model for the students of Ypsilanti Community Schools; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the best interests of the College to do so,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Washtenaw Community College and the Ypsilanti Community Schools will create a joint work team to include representatives from both districts and the Washtenaw Intermediate School District to explore programming options and make formal recommendations to the governing boards.

A formal agreement outlining the specifics of this joint initiative will be developed and brought to the governing bodies for approval.

The governing bodies pledge to review, on an annual basis, the results of the joint initiative and discuss opportunities for the future.

The College administration is authorized and directed to work with appropriate representatives of Ypsilanti Community Schools and Washtenaw Intermediate School District to develop a model under which students of the district will have the opportunity to

Graduate from high school with a career credential and/or college credit

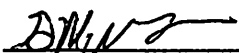
Achieve or exceed the college readiness scores on the ACT or COMPASS

Access post-secondary education/training with the knowledge, resources and solutions to overcome identified barriers to success

Understand how to navigate the postsecondary education culture and systems.

**CERTIFICATION OF BOARD RESOLUTION**

I, Gregory Myers, Secretary of the Board of Education, hereby certify that on February 28, 2013, at the duly convened meeting of the Unified Board of Education of Willow Run Community Schools and Ypsilanti Public Schools, the attached resolution was unanimously adopted.



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Gregory Myers, Secretary