

### **30101 General Statement of Relationship Between College and Community**

The College is a public, tax-supported entity and recognizes that the very nature of its mission is to meet the unmet educational, work force and cultural needs of the diverse community it serves.

In support of the College's mission of public service, the Board of Governors encourages and fosters a meaningful and cooperative relationship between the College and other governmental agencies in the spirit that all public entities belong to and should cooperate to serve the people.

However, in so doing, the rights of the College, the home, governmental authorities and the individual should be clearly understood and protected.

Because the College belongs to the people, and because it is the belief of the Board of Governors that the people in the College Area may most effectively be served by a locally elected Board which can be immediately responsive to the needs of its diverse electorate, the Board of Governors supports the concepts of local control of the College and local support through a mill levy gathered at the local level.

The relationships between the College and other agencies of government, at the local, regional, state and national levels, should clarify and preserve the College's commitment to remaining a locally controlled community college, readily responsive to the needs of the community it serves.

The Board of Governors recognizes that the College exists as an integral part of the community. The Board, further, believes that the success of the College depends on the effectiveness of the community, students and staff working together toward common goals. A continuous program of two-way communication between the community and the College is essential.

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