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MCC statement on Obama proposal to offer free community college

OMAHA, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College's statement from MCC executive vice president Jim Grotrian on President Barack Obama's proposal to offer two years of free community college tuition:

The recent announcement by President Barack Obama confirms the importance of community colleges supporting career and technical programs for students that will help further their careers and improve our local workforce.

MCC continues to work diligently in developing and providing affordable, accessible and relevant educational and training programs that can provide pathways to meaningful jobs, better wages and improved quality of life for themselves and their families. The \$90 million investment that Metropolitan Community College is making on the Fort Omaha Campus highlights the need for community colleges at the local level.

Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts' inaugural speech stressed the importance of education in Nebraska. This affirms our mission of filling the more than 28,000 construction jobs estimated in MCC's four-county service area by 2017. We are appreciative of the attention on community colleges, which help maintain America's strong workforce and create better career and educational opportunities for students. We look forward to learning more details about the federal and local education strategies and thank everyone for their significant votes of confidence and support.

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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable, quality education to all residents of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Founded in 1974, MCC has the largest enrollment out of six community colleges in Nebraska and is the second largest

postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 unique credit and noncredit students.