






Can \$1.04 per month position our region for a stronger future?

Academic & Student Success:	Private, Grant & College Funding	Proposed Millage Funding
 Hanson Technology Center	\$11,883,000	
 Modernize Teaching & Learning Spaces: • 50 Classrooms & 2 Lecture Halls at Napier Campus • South Haven Campus Classrooms • Napier & Bertrand Student Success Centers • Business Education & Resource Center	\$7,638,000	\$7,614,000
Wine & Culinary Education Center	\$2,456,000	\$2,675,000
Instructional Technology & Program Equipment	\$8,410,000	\$5,175,500
Total Project Costs	\$30,387,000	\$15,464,500
Safety, Security & Critical Capital Improvements:		
 Safety & Security Upgrades (All Campuses)		\$1,678,000
 Energy Efficiency Improvements	\$2,168,500	\$2,168,500
Critical Capital Improvements (All Campuses)	\$7,162,000	\$16,591,000
Total Project Costs	\$9,330,500	\$20,437,500
Mendel Center:		
 Renovations & Equipment Replacement	\$500,000	\$4,388,000

You have the final word. Always.

“ Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Lake Michigan College’s plans to help strengthen our regional economy, including taking our workforce training capabilities to the next level. We would greatly appreciate your thoughts and recommendations on the funding proposal that has been developed. ”

– Dr. Michael Lindley, Vice Chair, LMC Board of Trustees



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Ms. Mary Jo Tomasini
Chair
Lake Michigan College
Board of Trustees

|| Lake Michigan College is committed to seeing our region thrive. Working closely with local industry leaders and others, we have identified campus improvements that will help us contribute substantially to delivering a stronger workforce and regional economy. ||



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Why is Lake Michigan College considering placing a millage proposal on the November 2016 ballot?

Lake Michigan College seeks to address campus improvements that will help the College contribute substantially to delivering an educated, well-trained workforce, more jobs and a stronger local economy.

How would the millage proceeds be used?

Proceeds from the millage would be used to fund projects in three key areas:

1. Academic & Student Success

- Modernizing instructional spaces at all LMC campuses and equipping them with real-world technologies that will allow the College to expand programming in health sciences, technology, manufacturing, tourism and other rapidly growing industries.
- Expanding and enhancing collaborative and support-service spaces for tutoring, workforce placement, business and industry mentoring, transfer services, career counseling and other services that contribute to student success.

2. Safety, Security & Critical Capital Improvements

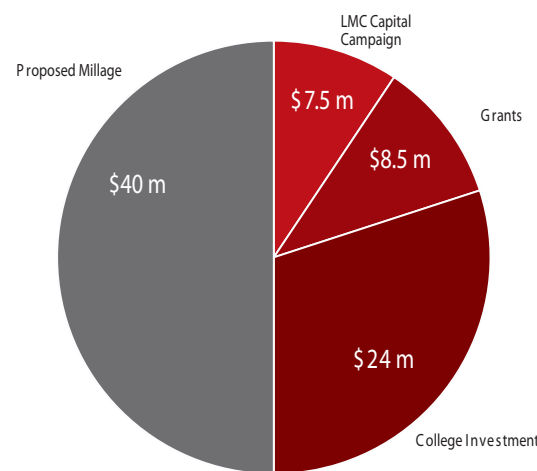
- Upgrading entryways, adding security cameras and addressing other needs to protect students, staff and guests.
- Replacing the College's 50-year-old heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, reducing energy costs by an estimated \$300,000 annually.
- Addressing other major building improvement projects focused on reducing operating and maintenance costs, improving energy efficiency and extending the useful life of the College's existing facilities.

3. The Mendel Center

- The 37-year-old Mendel Center—one of the region's most important cultural and meeting centers and home to the College's instructional arts program—would be modernized and renovated, including the updating of sound, lighting and presentation technology.

Has LMC sought private funds and grants to help reduce the size of the request?

Since 2013, the College has raised more than \$16 million through private donations and state and federal grants. These monies are being used to fund important new projects like the Hanson Technology Center and others. In addition, the College is also investing about \$24 million of general fund monies in critical capital improvements at each campus.



What is the estimated tax impact?

The proposal being considered is .25 mills (one-quarter of one mill) over 20 years, with an estimated tax impact of \$1.04 per month per \$100,000 of a property's market value (\$50,000 taxable value).

Why is the tax impact relatively modest given that it will fund about \$40 million in improvements?

The value of all taxable property within the college district that helps support the College is relatively large. This helps temper the tax impact for property owners.

Have local business leaders been involved in the development of this proposal?

The College has involved the local business community throughout the planning process. Currently, a 35-member task force composed of business and industry leaders, civic leaders, and other stakeholders within the LMC district has been formed to evaluate the millage proposal and provide feedback to the Board of Trustees. Their final recommendations will be developed this June.

What are the anticipated direct and indirect benefits of this proposal?

The LMC Board of Trustees anticipates many benefits associated with the proposed millage, including:

- Meeting key workforce training needs of rapidly growing industries in Southwest Michigan—including healthcare, technology, manufacturing and tourism—helping to grow our region's economy.
- Providing students with real-world technologies and learning environments to keep them engaged and better prepared to succeed
- Extending the useful life of existing LMC facilities and reducing costly emergency repairs
- Providing a more safe and secure environment at each LMC campus
- Keeping college affordable

When will the Board of Trustees make a final decision regarding placing the millage question on the ballot?

The Board of Trustees will make a final decision regarding placing a millage proposal on the ballot after evaluating community feedback from public information meetings, the findings of a public opinion mail survey, the recommendations made by the 35-member citizen task force and other public input.

How can residents learn more about the proposed campus improvements and funding proposal?

LMC will be hosting multiple community information meetings this spring and early summer. These meetings will be posted on the College's website (www.lakemichigancollege.edu).

How is the College gathering the community's feedback on the millage proposal?

In addition to gathering community feedback through community meetings and a citizen task force, the College will be conducting a public opinion mail survey in May. Your participation is greatly appreciated.