MONROE, Mich. – At its monthly meeting last night, the Monroe County Community College Board of Trustees approved a $7 per billable contact hour tuition rate increase for students who are Monroe County residents.

Beginning with the upcoming Fall Semester – which begins August 30 – students who are residents of the county will pay $84 per billable contact hour, up from $77.

In addition, the board approved Fall Semester tuition rate increases for students who are not residents of Monroe County. Students living in Michigan, but outside Monroe County, will pay $144 per billable contact hour, up $12. Students from out of state will pay $160, up $13.

The board also increased the technology fee from $6 to $10 per billable contact hour.

The increased tuition rate and technology fee will cost the average in-district student taking a full course load about $330 a year. A full yearly course load consists of about 30 credit hours. For such a student, the cost of tuition at MCCC will now be approximately $2,880 per year, which includes a $30 registration fee assessed per semester. This figure does not include any specific course or lab fees that may apply.

Despite the increase, the cost to attend MCCC remains among the lowest in the region.
According to their Web sites, below are the approximate costs of in-district tuition and fees for one academic year – consisting of 30 credit hours of course work – at numerous colleges and universities in the region, excluding individual course and lab fees that may apply:

- Washtenaw Community College (Fall 2011): $2,760
- Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn (2011-12): $2,792
- Schoolcraft College, Livonia (Fall 2012 pending approval by its board): $2,960
- Wayne County Community College, Detroit (Spring 2012): $2,980
- Owens Community College, Toledo, Ohio (Spring 2012): $3,292.64
- Jackson Community College (2011-12): $3,945
- University of Toledo (through Summer 2012): $7,609.92
- Eastern Michigan University (2011-12): $8,683.20
- Madonna University, Livonia (2012-13): $15,300
- Lourdes University, Sylvania, Ohio (2011-12): $16,950

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