

May 19, 2020

North Carolina General Assembly

Dear Elected Representatives:

As the Chairman of the Southwestern Community College Board of Trustees, and on behalf of my fellow Trustees, I wish to inform you that we wholeheartedly support the attainment goal of *myFutureNC* that 2 million North Carolinians should have a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree by 2030.

Community Colleges, along with other key education partners, help advance educational attainment of students in North Carolina by providing high-quality, accessible educational opportunities that minimize barriers to post-secondary education, maximize student success, develop a globally and multi-culturally competent workforce, and improve the lives and well-being of individuals.

Southwestern Community College will continue to foster partnerships across the education continuum, and with leaders in business, education, state and local government, and community-based organizations to achieve the goal.

We respectfully request your support of *myFutureNC* to help North Carolina community colleges reach the attainment goal of the initiative, put taxpayers back to work in better careers, close the skills gap for employers, create opportunities for job creation and retention, and save North Carolina families money by providing a great educational value.

Sincerely,



Lambert Wilson, Chairman

Southwestern Community College Board of Trustees

Resolution to Support the *myFutureNC* Attainment Goal

WHEREAS, *myFutureNC* is a statewide non-profit organization focused on educational attainment and is the result of cross-sector collaboration between North Carolina leaders in education, business, and government; and

WHEREAS, The *myFutureNC* Commission, along with the North Carolina General Assembly and Governor concluded that North Carolina should have a goal that 2 million North Carolinians will have a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Southwestern Community College is committed to endeavor to bring about the alignment of educational offerings provided by the Community Colleges in North Carolina with the State's workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, Community Colleges, along with other key education partners, help advance educational attainment of students in North Carolina by providing high-quality, accessible educational opportunities that minimize barriers to post-secondary education, maximize student success, develop a globally and multi-culturally competent workforce, and improve the lives and well-being of individuals; and

WHEREAS, Southwestern Community College agrees that North Carolina faces a gap between attainment of, and the projected need for, citizens with post-secondary degrees or high-quality credentials.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

Southwestern Community College supports the attainment goal of *myFutureNC* that 2 million North Carolinians should have a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree by 2030; and

Southwestern Community College will continue to foster partnerships across the education continuum, and with leaders in business, education, state and local government, and community-based organizations to achieve the goal.

Adopted this the 24th day of March, 2020 by Southwestern Community College.



Lambert G. Wilson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Southwestern Community College



Don L. Tomas, President
Southwestern Community College