



**Department of
Higher Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor
John Carey, Chancellor

DIRECTIVE 2017-044

May 18, 2017

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES BY THIRTY-THREE PERCENT FOR STUDENTS EMPLOYED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS SERVICED BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER AND ENROLLED INTO THE FIVE COURSE ONLINE GRADUATE READING ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM.

§375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly required any waiver of tuition for a student or class of students not otherwise permitted by law at a state-assisted institution of higher education be approved by the Chancellor of Higher Education (the “Chancellor”). On April 17, 2009, the Chancellor signed Directive 2009-011 establishing procedures for institutions to follow when requesting to waive standard tuition rates. §369.180 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly continues the authority of the Chancellor for the current biennium. §381.160 of the As Introduced version of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly continues this authority of the Chancellor for the upcoming biennium.

Contingent upon the authority in §369.180 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 and the continued authority as proposed in §381.160 of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 as well as Directive 2009-011, Wright State University (“WSU”) has requested that for Summer term 2017 and academic year 2017-2018, the standard tuition rates be reduced by thirty-three percent for students employed by school districts serviced by the Montgomery County Educational Service Center (MCESC) and enrolled into the five course online graduate reading endorsement program.

WSU has demonstrated the following:

- WSU’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the tuition waiver at its meeting on December 16, 2016. A copy of the resolution is attached.
- WSU has submitted a specific request to reduce tuition for Summer term 2017 and academic year 2017-2018 by thirty-three percent for students employed by school districts supported by the MCESC and enrolled into the five course online graduate reading endorsement program.
 - For Summer 2017 this is a waiver of \$205.26 per credit hour. The specific amount waived in the 2017-2018 academic year is subject to change depending upon the tuition rate. In any event, the tuition charged will be reduced by 33%.

- WSU proposes that the duration of the waiver be for Summer term 2017 as well as academic year 2017-2018.
- It is estimated that the proposed waiver will affect approximately 25 students per cohort.
- The goals of this tuition waiver are as follows:
 - Increase the number of teachers within the MCESC school districts who complete the online graduate reading endorsement program with a target of 25 students in each new cohort.
 - Increase the number of teachers within the MCESC school districts who attend WSU with a target that 10% of those employees in the online graduate reading endorsement program taking other courses at WSU.
- WSU will measure the attainment of these goals by collecting the following data:
 - Monitor whether 25 teachers within the MCESC school districts are enrolled.
 - Monitor whether at least 10% of those students enroll in other courses at WSU.

Agency staff reviewed the request and posted its recommendations to the Ohio Department of Higher Education's website for purposes of providing a period of public comment before final approval by the Chancellor. No public comments were received.

Based upon my review and staff recommendations, I hereby approve the tuition waiver set forth above for students employed within MCESC school districts for Summer 2017 and academic year 2017-2018, contingent upon the continued authority to grant such waivers.

This directive will take immediate effect.



 John Carey
 Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education

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RESOLUTION 17-32

**Approved by the Wright State University
Board of Trustees on December 16, 2016**

Tuition Waiver Recommendation for Montgomery County Educational Service Center (MCESC) Students Entering the Wright State University (WSU) College of Education and Human Services (CEHS) Reading Endorsement Program

WHEREAS, 375.30.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly requires any waiver of tuition for a particular student or any class of students not otherwise permitted by law at a state-assisted institution of higher education to be approved by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Directive 2009-011 signed by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education on April 17, 2009, established procedures for institutions to follow when requesting to waive standard tuition rates; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is contingent upon the approval of the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University has entered into an agreement between the Wright State University's (WSU) College of Education and Human Services (CEHS) and the Montgomery County Educational Service Center (MCESC); and

WHEREAS, students are entering a Reading Endorsement, five course graduate program; and

WHEREAS, this MOU covers the time from Spring Semester 2017 through Summer Semester 2018; and

WHEREAS, students in this Reading Endorsement program must meet the Wright State University admissions criteria for graduate students; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University hopes to enroll at least twenty-five students to start this program in Spring Semester 2017; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University is requesting a fee waiver of 33% of the posted in state graduate tuition rate for students accepted into this Reading Endorsement program and is requesting the waiver for Spring Semester 2017 through Summer Semester 2018, contingent on the General Assembly renewing the authority of the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education to approve

waivers of tuition for a student or class of students not otherwise permitted by law at a state-assisted institution of higher education; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the administration of Wright State University is authorized to offer a tuition reduction of 33% of the posted in state graduate tuition rate for MCESC students accepted into the Readership Endorsement graduate program in the Wright State University CEHS; and therefore be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration of Wright State University will submit a request to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education to review and approve the tuition reduction.

Mrs. Broner moved for approval. Ms. Ramos seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.



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TUITION WAIVER REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

The following request has been posted for a 2-week public comment period and is recommended for approval. No public comments were received.

Recommender: Amy Shaffer

May 18, 2017

Wright State University

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None