DIRECTIVE 2019-046

October 31, 2019

Re: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CONTINUE TO WAIVE STANDARD TUITION RATES FOR NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS.

§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. §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly continues this authority of the Chancellor for the biennium.

Pursuant to §381.170 of Am. Sub. H.B. 166 as well as Directive 2009-011, Lorain County Community College (“LCCC”) has requested for academic years 2019-20 and 2020-21 to continue to waive standard tuition rates for Ohio nonpublic high school students and Ohio home school students that do not receive funding under College Credit Plus.

LCCC has demonstrated the following:

- LCCC’s Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing a continuation of the tuition waiver at its meeting on March 28, 2019. A copy of the resolution is attached.

- LCCC’s current tuition is as follows:
  
  - Instructional fee $116.98 per credit hour
  - All General fees $17.06 per credit hour
    - Combined tuition rate $134.04 per credit hour
  - Out of County surcharge $25.18 per credit hour
    - Combined Out of County tuition rate $159.22

- LCCC has submitted a specific request to reduce tuition to the College Credit Plus statutory floor for Ohio nonpublic high school students who were not funded under College Credit Plus and are attending LCCC courses at their high school or off-campus location. This is a current waiver of $92.40 of a combined tuition rate for Lorain County residents and $115.40 of a combined out of county tuition rate for non-county Ohio residents.

- LCCC also requests to reduce tuition to the College Credit Plus mid-level for Ohio nonpublic high school and Ohio home school students who were not funded under College Credit Plus.
and attend courses on LCCC campus (this includes online courses). This is a current waiver of $50.76 of a combined tuition rate for Lorain County residents and $73.76 combined out of county tuition rate for non-county Ohio residents.

- In both instances, the specific amount being waived per credit hour may change depending on LCCC's tuition rates and College Credit Plus funding levels, but in any event, the College Credit Plus floor or mid-level will be charged with an out of county surcharge of at least $1 as applicable.

- LCCC proposes that the duration of the continued waiver be academic years 2019-20 and 2020-21.

- LCCC expects the tuition waiver will affect approximately 100-150 students per academic year.

- LCCC's goals pursuant to this tuition waiver are to enhance academic offerings for students that participate and reduce the cost of attending college by reducing the time to degree.

- The previous tuition waiver for non-funded College Credit Plus students was very effective. Thirty percent of students participating in College Credit Plus matriculated to LCCC with college credit earned. The performance of these students exceeds that of the general population in GPA and retention.

- Measurements of the program will include enrollment, cost to degree and matriculation of these students.

Agency staff reviewed the request and posted its recommendations to the ODHE website for the purpose of providing a public comment period before final approval by the Chancellor. No public comments were received.

Based upon my review of staff recommendations and public comments received, I hereby approve the tuition waiver request from Lorain County Community College be granted for academic years 2019-20 and 2020-21 as set forth above.

This directive will take immediate effect.

Randy Gardner
Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education
LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Resolution CC-669

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO APPLY TO THE OHIO CHANCELLOR FOR A TUITION WAIVER FOR HIGH SCHOOLS STUDENTS NOT FUNDED BY THE COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Section 381.170 of Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly as currently proposed continues the authority of the Chancellor of Higher Education to approve waivers of tuition that have been authorized by the Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS, Lorain County Community College partners with public school districts and non-public high schools throughout our region to provide enhanced education opportunities for high school students and keep college affordable by reducing time to degree, and

WHEREAS, Though the vast majority of Ohio based students are now eligible for the College Credit Plus (CCP) funding stream, the dollars for CCP flow differently for students enrolled at private schools and as a result many of those students are not funded for CCP due to state fiscal limitations, and

WHEREAS, The CCP rates are currently $41.50 per credit hour for students that attend LCCC courses at the off-campus location; and $80 per credit hour for students taking courses at an LCCC campus; compared to the standard tuition and fees of $134 per credit hour for Lorain County residents and $159 per credit hour for non-residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President to apply for a waiver to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education to charge reduced Tuition and Fees Rates equal to the CCP rates for the FY's 2019-2021 biennium for home schooled and non-public schools students that are not funded by Ohio's College Credit Plus program.

By Order of the Board of Trustees
For: Lorain County Community College District

Attest: Marcia J. Ballinger
Secretary

Jonathan M. Volpe
Treasurer

Approved: March 28, 2019

Benjamin Fligner
Chairman