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BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE 2018-2019 BUDGET

The Bristol Community College Board of Trustees approved an operating budget of approximately \$73 million for fiscal year 2018-2019 at their monthly meeting on June 11, 2018. The budget approval included a number of cost savings initiatives, investment strategies and an increase in student fees of \$5 per credit, or less than 3 percent.

The current cost for one year at BCC, including tuition and fees, is \$4,776, comparatively less than other public and private higher education institutions in the region that range from \$8,000 to \$39,000 a year. The fee increase will go into effect for the fall 2018 semester, increasing the cost of attendance by \$120 per year for a full-time student not receiving financial aid.

Through the Trustees' efforts, the college cost remains in the bottom tier of all the community colleges. Eleven community colleges carry higher fees than BCC, and the College receives less state appropriation per student than all but one of the Massachusetts community colleges.

The college continues to expand its course offerings with a variety of certificate and associate's degree programs. Now with campuses in Attleboro, Fall River, New Bedford, the Taunton center, and eLearning, there are even more opportunities for students to gain access to an affordable education with the support services they need to succeed. In the past several months, the college has announced several new programs that meet the demands of the region including wind, sustainability studies, paralegal and cybersecurity.

About Bristol Community College

Bristol Community College is a leading resource for education and workforce development in Southeastern Massachusetts. BCC has locations in Fall River, Attleboro, New Bedford, and Taunton, along with flexible online offerings that lead to an associate degree, a career-ready certificate, or the ability to seamlessly transfer to baccalaureate colleges throughout the state and country.

The College's Center for Workforce and Community Education provides customized training for businesses and the community including healthcare, workforce and sustainable initiatives, and corporate services.

The BCC Foundation, a non-profit organization utilizing community donations and partnerships, supports the College's mission to meet the lifelong educational needs of the community. For more information, visit <http://www.bristolcc.edu/about>.