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Community Engagement

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Our mission at Moraine Valley Community College is to educate the whole person in a learning-centered environment, recognizing our responsibilities to one another, to our community, and to the world we share.

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As one of the largest community colleges in Illinois, we serve close to 400,000 residents in 26 communities with more than 21,500 students annually.

We have seen consistent growth throughout the decades that has resulted in the expansion of learning and student service spaces across the more than 300-acre campus in Palos Hills and the opening of extension sites in Blue Island in 2004 and Tinley Park in 2010.

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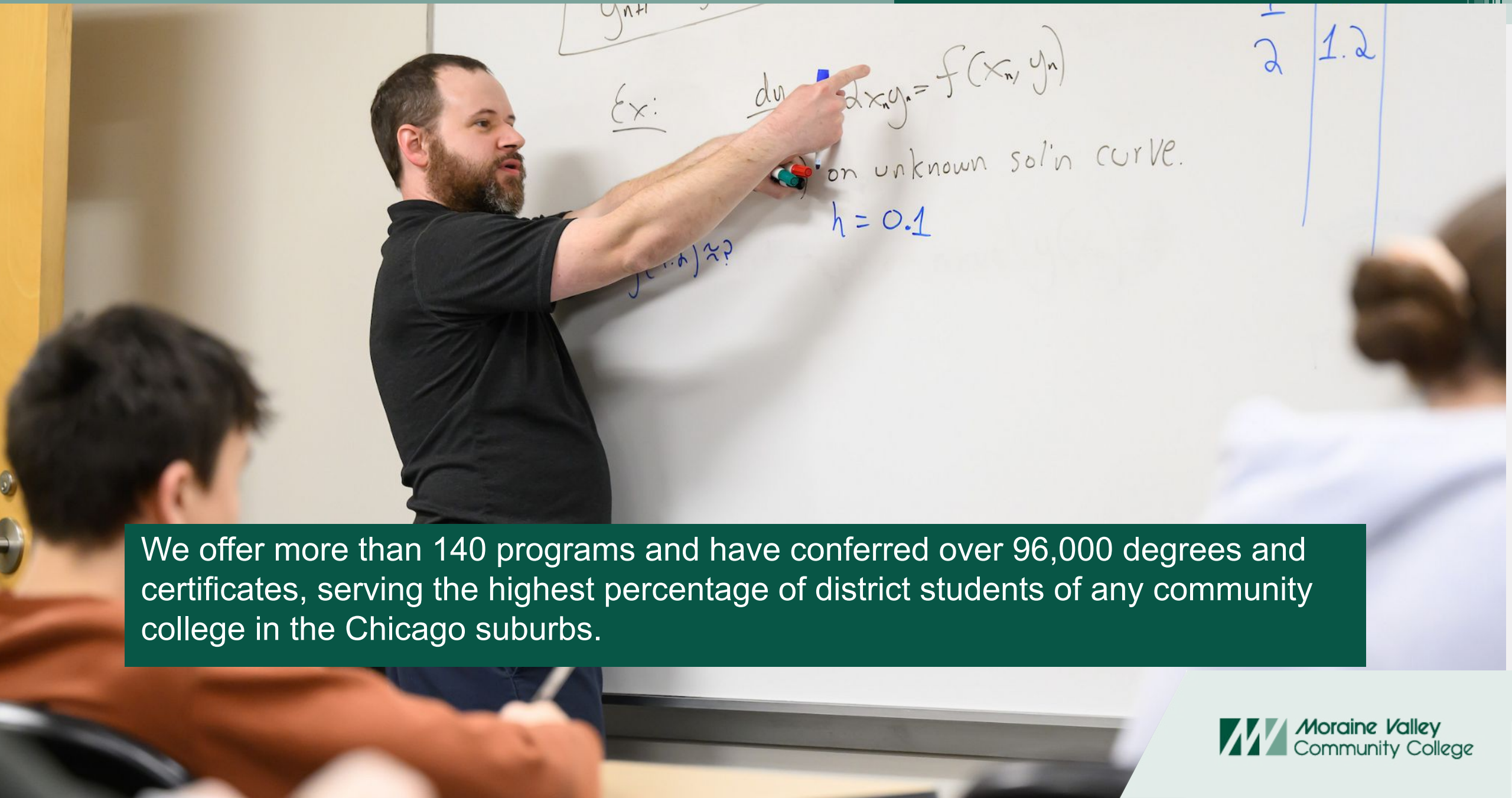

We offer more than 140 programs and have conferred over 96,000 degrees and certificates, serving the highest percentage of district students of any community college in the Chicago suburbs.

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We are constantly striving to make our quality education affordable and accessible for our students.

We've been successful in keeping down tuition rates and we're proud to be less costly than the majority of our neighboring districts and other community colleges our size.

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This commitment to affordability, combined with over $25.2 million in financial aid administered to our students, results in only 2% of them needing to take out federal loans to afford college.

This puts our students on the path to financial and career success by earning an education with limited to no college debt.

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To drive the continued success of our students and district residents, nearly 400 college faculty, staff, students, and community and business leaders collaborated to develop our 2025-30 Strategic Plan, a cohesive and visionary pathway for our college's future.

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This plan will drive Moraine Valley forward through additional improvements in areas such as student success, program development, community engagement, and technology.

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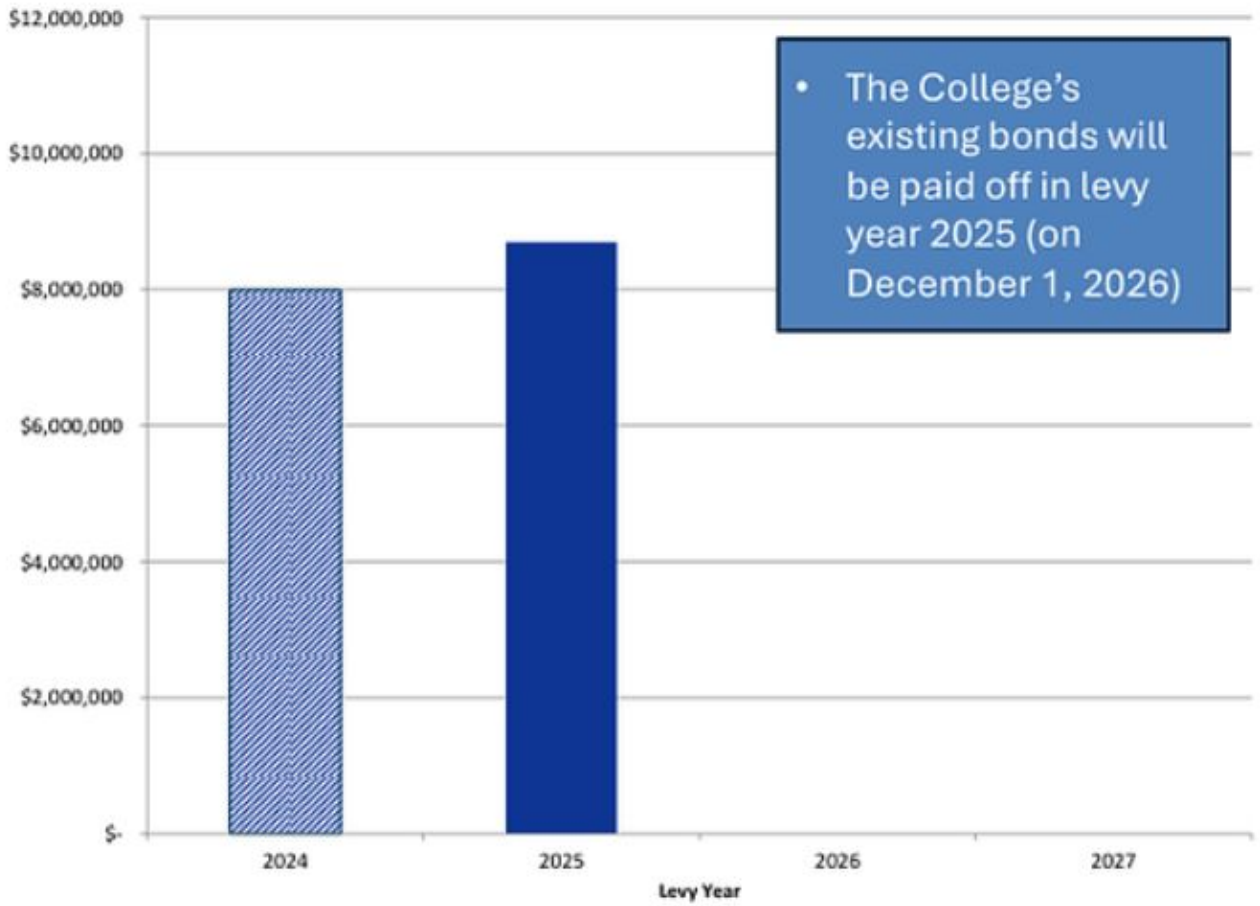
Existing Debt Service on Levied Bonds



Now, due to our district's fiscal responsibility, we are set to pay off a portion of our bonds, giving our community a unique opportunity to make significant progress implementing our strategic plan with limited-to-no property tax impact.

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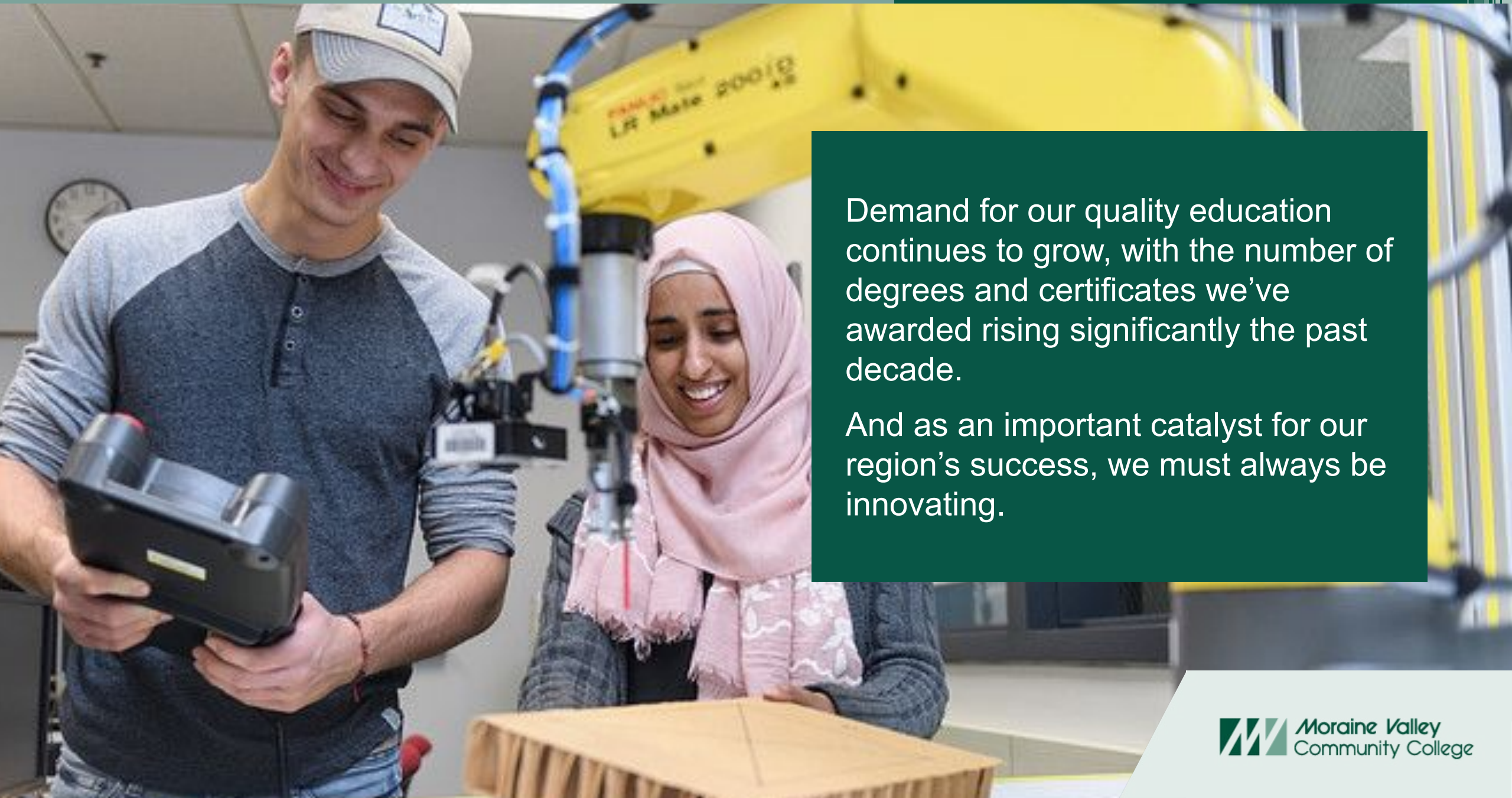

Demand for our quality education continues to grow, with the number of degrees and certificates we've awarded rising significantly the past decade.

And as an important catalyst for our region's success, we must always be innovating.

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That’s why we are actively discussing the path forward with the community and collaborating on a plan.

Together, we are developing a community-driven plan to increase opportunities for our students and address needed improvements to our facilities.

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Community Engagement

During this round of community engagement, we will:

- Host the first Community Committee meeting.
- Hold multiple public engagement sessions (in-person and virtual).
- Execute a scientific public phone survey, seeking the community's opinions on potential individual projects and funding levels.
- Actively gather responses from the community via as many platforms as possible.

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Now, it’s time to gather your opinions about:

- 10 Potential Individual Projects
- 3 Potential Funding Levels

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Potential Individual Projects

- Automotive Technology
- Welding
- HVAC and Refrigeration
- Fire Science and EMS
- Automation & Engineering Technology
- Athletic Fields
- Public Safety Center
- Education Center at Blue Island Renovations
- Campus Exterior Infrastructure Improvements
- Campus Interior Infrastructure Improvements

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Automotive Technology

Advantages:

- Expansion would allow more student enrollments, more training opportunities and additional industry partnerships for this program that provides hands-on training in diagnosing and repairing modern vehicles.

Disadvantages:

- Cannot be achieved without expansion or new construction.

Estimated Cost: $30 million

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Welding

Advantages:

- Expansion and modernization would allow more student enrollments as well as more modern and safer training facilities with air conditioning, windows, and new ventilation to better prepare students for careers in welding.

Disadvantages:

- Cannot be achieved without expansion or new construction.

Estimated Cost: $26 million

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HVAC and Refrigeration

Advantages:

- Expansion and modernization would allow more student enrollments and provide safety and lighting upgrades to better prepare students for positions as HVAC/R mechanics, installers, or service technicians

Disadvantages:

- Cannot be achieved without expansion or new construction.

Estimated Cost: $22 million

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Fire Science and EMS

Advantages:

- Renovations would provide more space for additional student enrollments and expansion of programs that prepare students for entry-level fire service careers and offer EMT and Paramedic certificates that build advanced emergency response skills.

Disadvantages:

- Costly due to the need for extensive renovations.

Estimated Cost: $12 million

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Automation & Engineering Technology

Advantages:

- Renovations would consolidate classes into a single dedicated space and greatly enhance this program that prepares students for careers in automation, robotics, and industrial networking.

Disadvantages:

- Costly due to the need for extensive renovations.

Estimated Cost: $10 million

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Athletic Fields

Advantages:

- Installing turf fields for soccer and softball would greatly enhance athletic opportunities for students and allow more use of the fields with less maintenance and better drainage of water.

Disadvantages:

- Costly due to expense of turf fields.

Estimated Cost: $15 million

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Public Safety Center

Advantages:

- Consolidates all public safety programs under one roof, including Fire, EMS, and Criminal Justice, and provides expansion for other programs such as a basic law enforcement academy.

Disadvantages:

- Would move public safety programs off main campus.

Estimated Cost: $15 million

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Education Center at Blue Island Renovations

Advantages:

- Provide heating and cooling upgrades and window, roof, and ADA improvements to the building which will lower costs and extend the life of the building.

Disadvantages:

- Costly due to the aging facilities.

Estimated Cost: $10 million

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Campus Exterior Infrastructure Improvements

Advantages:

- Addresses deferred maintenance projects such as the repair of parking lots, improvements to the Gateway area, and a Building H parking lot expansion.

Disadvantages:

- Costly due to the aging exterior infrastructure.

Estimated Cost: $10 million

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Campus Interior Infrastructure Improvements

Advantages:

- Addresses deferred maintenance projects such as LED lighting, windows, and flooring, as well as relocation of IT to building T, added storage in Building M, and remodeled instructional spaces in Building F.

Disadvantages:

- Costly due to the aging facilities.

Estimated Cost: $10 million

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Potential Individual Projects

Discussion

- Automotive Technology
- Welding
- HVAC and Refrigeration
- Fire Science and EMS
- Automation & Engineering Technology
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Feedback Form

Procedures

- Rank By Highest Priority (1=Highest, 10=Lowest)
- Must Rank All Projects
- Rankings Can Only Be Used Once, No Ties

We Cannot Count Your Rankings If You Do Not Follow the Above Procedures!

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RANK POTENTIAL INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

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	AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY: Expansion would allow more student enrollments, more training opportunities and additional industry partnerships for this program that provides hands-on training in diagnosing and repairing modern vehicles. *(Estimated cost: $30 million)*
	WELDING: Expansion and modernization would allow more student enrollments and provide more modern and safer training facilities with air conditioning, windows, and new ventilation to better prepare students for careers in welding. (*Estimated cost: $26 million)*
	HVAC/REFRIGERATION: Expansion and modernization would allow more student enrollments and provide safety and lighting upgrades to better prepare students for positions as HVAC/R mechanics, installers, or service technicians. (*Estimated cost: $22 million)*
	FIRE SCIENCE/EMS: Renovations would provide more space for additional student enrollments and expansion of programs that prepare students for entry-level fire service careers and offer EMT and Paramedic certificates that build advanced emergency response skills. (Estimated cost: *$12 million)*
	AUTOMATION & ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY: Renovations would consolidate classes into a single dedicated space and greatly enhance this program that prepares students for careers in automation, robotics, and industrial networking. (*Estimated cost: $10 million)*
	ATHLETIC FIELDS: Installing turf fields for soccer and softball would greatly enhance athletic opportunities for students and allow more use of the fields with less maintenance and better drainage of water. (*Estimated cost: $15 million)*
	PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER: Consolidates all public safety programs under one roof, including Fire, EMS, and Criminal Justice, and provides expansion for other programs such as a basic law enforcement academy. *(Estimated Cost*: $15 *million)*
	EDUCATION CENTER AT BLUE ISLAND RENOVATIONS: Provide heating and cooling upgrades and window, roof, and ADA improvements to the building which will lower costs and extend the life of the building. *(Estimated cost: $10 million)*
	CAMPUS EXTERIOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS: Addresses deferred maintenance projects such as repair of parking lots, improvements to the Gateway area, and Building H parking lot expansion. (*Estimated cost: $10 million)*
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Feedback Form

Please use your phone camera to scan the QR code to take the survey.

Only complete the top section of the survey by ranking the Individual Projects.

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Potential Funding Levels

- Low Funding Level
- Medium Funding Level
- High Funding Level

Low Funding Level

Funds:

- Some Projects

Approximate Funding Amount:

- $100 million

Approximate Average Tax Impact:

- Maintains Existing Tax Rate Without a Tax Increase

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Medium Funding Level

Funds:

- More Projects

Approximate Funding Amount:

- $130 million

Approximate Average Tax Impact:

- $13/yr
- *Based on a $300,000 home*

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High Funding Level

Funds:

- All Projects

Approximate Funding Amount:

- $160 million

Approximate Average Tax Impact:

- $30/yr
- *Based on a $300,000 home*

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Potential Funding Levels

Discussion

- Low Funding Level
- Medium Funding Level
- High Funding Level

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RANK POTENTIAL FUNDING PROJECTS

RANK	POTENTIAL FUNDING LEVELS
	LOW FUNDING LEVEL: Funds some projects Approximate funding amount: $100 million | Maintains existing tax rate (no tax increase)
	MEDIUM FUNDING LEVEL: Funds more projects Approximate funding amount: $130 million | Approximate yearly tax increase: $13
	HIGH FUNDING LEVEL: Funds all projects Approximate funding amount: $160 million | Approximate yearly tax increase: $30
	NO ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR OUR COLLEGE

(The average annual tax increase is based on a Moraine Valley Community College home valued at $300,000.)

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Feedback Form

Please return to the survey and rank the Funding Levels section.

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Thank you for being part of this collaboration!

If you have additional feedback you would like to share with us, please contact Dr. Kiana Battle at battlek@morainevalley.edu.

For more information, visit www.morainevalley.edu.

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