



School District of Monroe

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RESOLUTION NO. 21-1 Associate Degree WTCS Resolution

WHEREAS the School District of Monroe partners with Blackhawk Technical College to provide valuable postsecondary education opportunities to high school students; and

WHEREAS the presence of Blackhawk Technical College in Green County provides an essential link to postsecondary education for the community; and

WHEREAS over 400 high schools throughout Wisconsin partnered with all 16 technical colleges to provide postsecondary education to 52,000 high school students in 2019-20; and

WHEREAS these local dual credit partnerships saved Wisconsin families \$31 million in tuition costs in 2019-20; and

WHEREAS Wisconsin high school students earned 228,769 technical college credits through dual credit programs in 2019-20; and

WHEREAS the vast majority of Blackhawk graduates choose to live and work within the Blackhawk district; and

WHEREAS sound economic and workforce development strategy encourages investment in the local talent development pipeline and removing barriers to educational attainment; and

WHEREAS the opportunity to access local, flexible and affordable bachelor's degree programming is a critical need in the Monroe community and throughout Green County; and

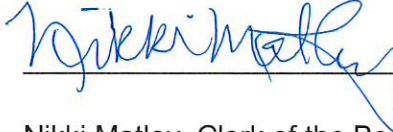
WHEREAS it is the strategic goal of Blackhawk Technical College to offer Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees throughout the Rock and Green County areas, and to facilitate seamless transfer for students who wish to pursue bachelor's degrees; and

WHEREAS only 14.2% of Rock and Green County citizens currently have a bachelor's degree, which is 4.6% below average for Wisconsin, and nearly 5% below the US average; and

WHEREAS the School District of Monroe supports the development of multiple meaningful pathways to postsecondary degree attainment for all students; and

THEREFORE, the Monroe School Board supports legislative efforts to permit technical colleges to offer Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees with the approval of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, without the approval of the UW System Board of Regents. The Monroe School Board further supports the ability of Blackhawk Technical College to offer general education transfer degrees, which would expand opportunities for Monroe area students to attain degrees with accredited bachelor's degree granting partner institutions.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, GREEN COUNTY, this is to certify that the foregoing document is a true copy of the Resolution of the Board of Education of the School District of Monroe.



Nikki Matley, Clerk of the Board of Education

04.12.21

Date