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To County Board Chair:

Pursuant to Public Act 102-1088, *“all units of local government that may levy a tax, except for municipalities and counties, to convene a Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency to study local efficiencies and report recommendations regarding efficiencies and increased accountability to the county board of the county in which the unit of local government is located.”*

The Decennial Committee must summarize its findings in a written report to include its recommendations regarding increased accountability and efficiency. The approved report must be sent to the county board for the county in which the community college is located. If the community college is located in more than one county, the report must then be sent to the county board of every county in which the community college is located. Since Southeastern Illinois College’s district #533 covers more than one county, we will provide identical reports to the following county boards: Hamilton, Gallatin, Hardin, Johnson, Pope, Saline, Williamson, and White.

Please find included a copy of Southeastern Illinois College’s Decennial Committee final report. There is no further action required.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (618) 252-5400, ext. 2100.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Weiss". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Weiss, Ed.D.
President

**Southeastern Illinois College
Decennial Committee
Final Report**

Names of Committee Members:

Pat York, Chair
Frank Barbre
Blake Bradley
Dave Dennison
Jim Ellis
Debbie Hughes
Richard Morgan
Susan Armstrong
Megin Rice
Gina Sirach

Dates of Committee Meetings:

August 20, 2024
September 24, 2024
October 26, 2024
December 3, 2024

Statement confirming input was sought from residents attending meeting(s):

A public comment section was listed as an agenda item.

Statement confirming that residents had an opportunity to submit feedback:

Community members present at the Committee meetings were provided a form to provide feedback regarding the Committee meeting(s) attended. A sample form is provided with this report.

The Committee's Charge:

The charge of the Committee was to "*study local efficiencies and report recommendations regarding efficiencies and increased accountability to the county board of the county in which the unit of local government is located,*" per the Public Act 102-1088. Community colleges are included in the definition of a unit of local government. The counties served by the institution include Gallatin, Hardin, Pope, Saline, and White.

Statement confirming what data was considered:

Data reviewed by the Committee members included the following:

- a) Intergovernmental agreements, including partnership agreements with k-12 educational institutions, university articulation agreements, and MOU's with other community colleges for sharing of instructional programs.
- b) "Going nowhere" population data compiled over the last few years; this includes data on students who graduated from high school and did not (1) continue their education into higher education, or (2) become employed; or (3) enter into military service.

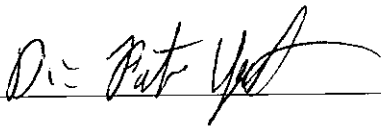
Committee's recommendation(s) regarding the Committee's charge:

- a) Continue partnerships and open dialogue with district high schools;
- b) Maintain Dual Credit Coordinator position which is crucial to continuing these partnerships;
- c) Continue use of fidelity reports and faculty mentorships as a way to maintain academic quality and rigor with dual credit coursework and instruction;
- d) Continue to use Starfish data to improve dual enrolled students' retention and persistence rates, as well as matriculation into postsecondary education;
- e) Continue with Dr. Burford's "going nowhere" research to identify barriers for high school students entering postsecondary education; and share this information with district high school administrators to work on solutions together.

12-3-24

Approval Date

Submission Date



Chair, Decennial Committee