



April 14, 2021

The Honorable Terry Renegar  
Chairman, Davie County Commissioners  
123 South Main Street  
Administrative Building  
Mocksville, NC 27028

Dear Chairman Renegar:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for the opportunity to present the college's budget request for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. This year marks a significant modification to our institution – a new name. We are excited that our new name, Davidson-Davie Community College, better reflects the commitment we have always had for the citizens of Davie County.

In 2020, the Davie Campus began implementing strategies from our strategic planning with community stakeholders to ensure that educational opportunities are available and relevant to meet the needs of the community. Established properties included enhanced communications to ensure the community is aware of the comprehensive opportunities available at the Davie Campus, improvements to our facilities, and identifying expansion opportunities to more effectively meet the demands of the regional workforce.

While the last year has been challenging, we have still made progress on our priorities. Through a community partnership, the first class of IGNITE DAVIE began at Davidson-Davie Community College. Over just one year, this college promise program has led to a 60% increase in the number of students from the graduating high school class in Davie County that immediately enrolled at our institution. Amazingly, one student, who had accumulated dual enrollment credit while still in high school, completed an associate's degree in only one semester and graduated in December. She did this with little to no debt for her college education. As a strong partner in this community initiative, college personnel have contributed to both student access and success in college as well as fundraising nearly \$2 million to endow the program.

This program has also allowed us to promote programs and services to traditional age students as well as their parents and other non-traditional students. Program materials and outreach communications have been tailored to provide greater awareness of what is available on our Davie Campuses. While some of our planned efforts were put on hold for in-person tours, mobile unit visits, and field trips with Davie County Schools, we continued to provide virtual options and created program videos to allow potential students the opportunity to learn more about the comprehensive options at our College.

Our in-person job fair was postponed due to the pandemic; however, we have worked with employers to offer two drive up job fairs that have yielded good attendance and positive results for these local companies. The NCWorks coordinator for the county continues to work from our campus and expanded her hours to meet the needs of Davie County residents. This partnership has been successful particularly in ensuring that the state-

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supported Finish Line grants are utilized to provide training to get citizens into jobs and careers that meet local workforce demand and provide family sustaining wages.

New connections are being made with existing and new industries in the community to identify training needs and to develop continuing education programs to meet those needs. Customized training support as well as apprenticeship opportunities continue to be available to local businesses and industries through Davidson-Davie Community College. The new parking lot, kindly supported by Davie County, is complete and will be fully utilized as we return to normal in-person operations. Our plans for the next year include renovating and updating our Mocksville Campus, finalizing plans for an expansion location for current and new health sciences programs, and launching a fire technology program at the Davie High School through Career and College Promise.

The Board of Trustees of Davidson County Community College approved the Davie County Budget Request for 2021-2022 on April 13, 2021. The approved budget is enclosed. The total 2021-2022 budget request is \$843,393 (\$753,393 general expense + \$90,000 capital expense). The enclosed budget includes a two percent raise for staff as well as an increase for the rising cost of health care and retirement. On behalf of our students, we appreciate the support the Davie County Commissioners provides the Davidson-Davie Community College. Your continued support of quality educational services is a necessity in order to advance the mission of the College. Please let us know if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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