

**HENRY FORD COLLEGE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

**BOARD REPORT**

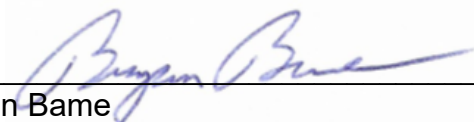
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year 2026 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment

Mid-year budget adjustments are required for the initial FY2026 adopted budget in order to adjust revenue and expenses based upon actual activity for the first six months of the fiscal year.

Total revenue is recommended to be increased by \$3.2M. Tuition increased by \$2.5M. Enrollment was budgeted at the same level as FY2025. However, the Fall enrollment increased by 7.0% and Winter enrollment is anticipated to increase by 4.3%. Summer 2025 enrollment was up by 6.1%. Property taxes are increased by \$700,000 as actual FY2025 receipts exceeded the FY2026 budget by a similar amount.


Expenses have been reviewed and increases for the various categories total \$1.3M. Funding for adjunct faculty is increased by \$500,000 due to the enrollment increase for the year. The \$1.5M in Mandatory Transfers and Purchased Services increase of \$1.7M are related to the additional one-time expenses for replacing our card reader system as well as locker room and classroom technology upgrades. Also, an adjustment for employee vacancies of \$1.5M provides an expense reduction for the year. Deferred maintenance and equipment requirements increased by \$590,000. Other increases totaled \$10,000.

With the recommended adjustments, the net surplus for FY2026 increases from \$490,000 to \$2,390,000.



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**BID AWARD**

**SUBJECT:** New Learning Management System (LMS)

The College administration requests a contract with D2L for their Brightspace learning management system (LMS) and for associated implementation services, hosting services, support services and training. D2L Brightspace will replace the Open LMS Moodle LMS that is currently in place at HFC. Open LMS informed the college that future upgrades of Moodle would cause issues with our LTI Tools and Plug-Ins. (These are other applications that are used by instructors that interface directly with Moodle.) In many cases, these other applications would no longer be functional after future, mandatory Moodle upgrades. Therefore, the decision was made to find a suitable replacement for Moodle when the current agreement ends on June 30, 2027.

In August 2025, the Instructional Technology Committee (ITC) began researching the LMS platforms used by other Michigan community colleges and identified three potential providers for evaluation - Blackboard, Canvas, and D2L. In September 2025, the ITC invited those firms to make on-campus presentations of their systems and services. The demonstrations were open in-person and remotely to all faculty and administration. As you can see below, Blackboard did not respond to our RFQ, so they were removed from consideration. Moving forward with the other two firms, the ITC continued with the evaluations that included the live presentations, an opportunity for faculty and staff to use each of the LMS products on a trial basis for two months, and surveys of user feedback and experience. After completing its assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the different platforms, including functionality, ease of use, vendor support, integration into the Colleague student system, and cost, the ITC recommended D2L Brightspace as the preferred LMS.

The College solicited 10-year cost proposals from Blackboard, Canvas, and D2L. The responses appear below.

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Ten-Year Cost</b>
Blackboard	No Response
Canvas	\$1,779,090.00
D2L	\$2,072,885.65*

\*D2L offers a peer review module (called Feedback Fruits) at a ten-year cost of \$240,000.00, which explains some of the price differences above. Unfortunately, Canvas does not provide a peer review module that meets the college's needs. Approximately 300 courses (14.5% of all courses) require the use of a peer review tool; this is one of the reasons D2L was chosen over Canvas.

The current, three-year agreement (7/1/2024 – 6/30/2027) with Open LMS for Moodle has an annual cost of \$169,840.03. We do not know what the annual cost would be if the college were to renew with Open LMS in 2027, but the assumption is it would be much higher than the current rate.

The proposed contract with D2L is a ten-year agreement, which will begin 7/1/2027. Here is a breakdown of the annual cash flows:

	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	\$85,522.50
<b>Year 2</b>	\$187,591.35
<b>Year 3</b>	\$195,133.22
<b>Year 4</b>	\$202,716.22
<b>Year 5</b>	\$210,340.96
<b>Year 6</b>	\$232,408.08
<b>Year 7</b>	\$235,318.20
<b>Year 8</b>	\$238,271.97
<b>Year 9</b>	\$241,270.05
<b>Year 10</b>	\$244,313.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$2,072,885.65


#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The College administration recommends a contract award to D2L for a ten-year agreement totaling \$2,072,885.65 for the implementation, hosting, and support of a D2L Brightspace learning management system.



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**BID AWARD**

**SUBJECT:** Physics Laboratory Equipment  
Sealed Bid #24385

The faculty of the Physics department request a contract for the purchase of seven (7) Pasco E/M Apparatuses, seven (7) Millikan Oil Drop Apparatuses, and other various items to be used in physics laboratories. An e/m apparatus is a device that demonstrates the effects that electric and magnetic fields have on a moving charged particle. The apparatus allows students to clearly observe the effects of electric and magnetic fields on an electron beam. The Millikan Oil Drop Apparatus allows students to observe the velocity of a drop rising in an electric field and permits calculation of the force acting on the charge carried by the oil drop. The e/m and Millikan Oil Drop apparatuses and other items will be used by all students taking PHYS-132 and PHYS-232 classes.

The College solicited proposals under Sealed Bid #24385. The responses appear below.

Pasco Scientific	\$65,004.10
Fisher Scientific	Disqualified*
VWR International	Disqualified*
Arbor Scientific	No Reply
Carolina Biological Supply	No Reply
Flinn Scientific	No Reply
Thomas Scientific	No Reply

\*Fisher Scientific and VWR both quoted an e/m apparatus manufactured by ScienceFirst. The HFC faculty have experience with both models and find the Pasco model superior to the ScienceFirst apparatus. Advantages of the Pasco model include significantly higher quality and more consistent results. The Pasco model also includes two power supplies compared to the ScienceFirst apparatus with only one. With multiple power supplies, instructors can use the apparatus in more experiments which adds value to the classroom experience.

The budgeted quote for this project was \$73,742.55, so the college is realizing savings of \$8,738.45 through the bid process.

**RECOMMENDATION:**


The College administration recommends a contract award to Pasco Scientific for \$65,004.10 for the purchase of (7) Pasco E/M Apparatuses (\$36,589.57), (7) Millikan Oil Drop Apparatuses (\$19,956.35), seven (7) Digital Photogate Timer System (\$3,676.20), (14) Wave Drivers (\$2,306.30), (14) Large Rod Bases (\$1,876.40), and (14) 25 cm Threaded Rods (\$599.18), and other various items to be used in physics laboratories in accordance with the specifications of Sealed Bid #24385.



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