



**ONBASE ID: 113772**

Date: May 22, 2026

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Dr. Belinda S. Miles  
President

Re: Authority for the County of Westchester, acting by and through Westchester Community College, to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Yonkers Public Schools, acting by and through its Board of Education, for the provision of instant admission to Westchester Community College to all graduating seniors in the Yonkers Public Schools who meet certain eligibility criteria, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2030, at no cost.

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Authority from your Honorable Board is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County") acting by and through Westchester Community College (the "College") to enter into a memorandum of understanding (the "MOU") with Yonkers Public Schools, acting by and through its Board of Education (the "School District") in order to establish a framework for the provision of instant admission to Westchester Community College to all graduating seniors in the School District who meet certain minimum eligibility criteria, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2030, at no cost to the College or the School District.

Under the terms of the MOU, the School District and the College will work cooperatively to provide for graduating seniors in the School District to gain instant admission to the College upon meeting certain minimum eligibility criteria. The purpose of the MOU is to establish a clear and equitable education process ensuring that college admission is available to every School District graduate who satisfies the minimum eligibility requirements of the College.

The goal and objective of the MOU are to establish a framework under which the College shall extend immediate admission to School District Seniors who satisfy certain eligibility criteria for admission.

This MOU is in the best interests of the County in that it will establish an equitable education pipeline for students who may not otherwise seek a college education.

College staff will track and monitor the performance under this MOU.

The proposed MOU contains mutual defense and indemnification language as follows:

"The School District and College agree to indemnify, defend with competent counsel, and hold harmless the other Party, together with its trustees, officers, appointed and/or elected officials, directors, employees, agents, and representatives, from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, suits, proceedings (whether civil, criminal, or administrative), liabilities, losses, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), costs, or damages, to the extent such claims or losses arise out of or result from: (i) the indemnifying Party's breach of this MOU; or (ii) the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the indemnifying Party, its trustees, officers, appointed and/or elected officials, directors, employees, agents, and representatives. For the avoidance of doubt, no Party shall be required to indemnify the other Party for the other Party's own negligent or intentional acts or omissions. The provisions of this section will survive expiration, termination or other cancellation of this Agreement."

The proposed MOU is exempt from the operation of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a) (iii) therein.

Based on the foregoing, I respectfully request your Honorable Board's approval of the attached resolution.

BSM/LAC  
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION CONTRACT - 05/28/2016 PAYMENT STUDY SECURITY

## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the President of Westchester Community College, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through Westchester Community College (the "College"), is hereby authorized to enter into a memorandum of understanding (the "MOU") with Yonkers Public Schools, acting by and through its Board of Education, for the provision of instant admission to Westchester Community College to all graduating seniors in the Yonkers Public Schools who meet certain minimum admissions eligibility criteria, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2030, at no cost; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the MOU will contain mutual defense and indemnity language as follows:

"The School District and College agree to indemnify, defend with competent counsel and hold harmless the other Party, together with its trustees, officers, appointed and/or elected officials, directors, employees, agents, and representatives, from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, suits, proceedings (whether civil, criminal, or administrative), liabilities, losses, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), costs, or damages, to the extent such claims or losses arise out of or result from: (i) the indemnifying Party's breach of this MOU; or (ii) the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the indemnifying Party, its trustees, officers, appointed and/or elected officials, directors, employees, agents, and representatives. For the avoidance of doubt, no Party shall be required to indemnify the other Party for the other Party's own negligent or intentional acts or omissions. The provisions of this section will survive expiration, termination or other cancellation of this Agreement."

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**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute all instruments and take all actions reasonably necessary to implement this Resolution.

Account to be Charged/cr edited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Sub Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
							\$0.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2026-2030 Start Date 1/1/2026 End  
 Date 12/31/2030  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ 0.00 Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
 (must match resolution) Other \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT 05/28/2026 - RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY